

Potential Questions to ask Internship Sites

Questions to ask:

1. What types of therapy do you offer (individual, child, couple, family, rehabilitation, etc)?
2. What are some of the groups you do?
3. Is it possible to create a group not currently offered?
4. What type of clients do you serve (low-income, working poor, high functioning, and special populations)?
5. Is there a theory that is common/required in your agency?
6. Who would be my supervisor and what are their credentials?
7. Considering all the budget cuts, how stable is your agency?
8. Does your agency offer any special trainings or seminars?
9. Will I gain experience with managed care (i.e. diagnosis, treatment planning, insurance)?
10. I need ____ amount of hours/week including _____ hrs/wk with couples or families. Can you provide this?
11. What hours of the day is counseling offered?
12. Do interns get to pick their own hours?
13. What is the ratio of direct client contact to paperwork/case management?
14. Where is the site located?
15. Do you hire new graduates? If so, what is starting wage range?
16. What time period do you prefer (12 month or 9 month)?
17. How many interns do you accept?
18. When do you decide?

Additional considerations when deciding:

1. Will you easily be able to fulfill the internship requirements?
2. How do they treat their current interns?
3. Are interns given the same working conditions/privileges as staff?
4. Do you feel that you will receive good supervision?
5. Does the supervisor have knowledge and experience in your specialty?
6. Will this internship prepare you for the job you hope to have after graduation?
7. Could this internship lead to a job after graduation?