

Ramapo College of New Jersey Graduate Training Program

An Overview

The Center for Health and Counseling Service (CHCS) is staffed by psychologists, social workers, nurse practitioners, a psychiatrist consultant, and supervised graduate students. The mission of the Counseling component of CHCS is to provide a welcoming environment for Ramapo College students. Counseling Center staff members facilitate students' personal, social, and intellectual growth, as well as adjustment to and engagement within the university community. Students are assisted with identifying and working through personal barriers, normal developmental issues and stressors, and clinical problems which could impede academic success.

Ramapo College of New Jersey is located in the beautiful foothills of the Ramapo Mountains approximately 25 miles northwest of New York City. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Ramapo College is a comprehensive institution of higher education dedicated to the promotion of teaching and learning within a strong liberal arts based curriculum, thus earning the designation "New Jersey's Public Liberal Arts College." Its curricular emphasis includes the liberal arts and sciences, social sciences, fine and performing arts, and the professional programs within a residential and sustainable living and learning environment. Organized into thematic learning communities, Ramapo College provides academic excellence through its interdisciplinary curriculum, international education, intercultural understanding and experiential learning opportunities.

Purpose

The graduate training program at Ramapo College of New Jersey is designed to help trainees obtain the necessary counseling skills to function as competent clinicians. Trainees will begin to explore their identity as professional clinicians and come to understand and participate in providing the full range of services the Counseling Center offers. Trainees will also learn how the Counseling Center functions within the larger university setting. A developmental approach is used to assess each trainee's skill level and readiness to complete the different components of the training program.

Opportunities & Responsibilities for Trainees

Trainees are required to work a minimum of 16-hours per week. Depending on the academic program's requirement, trainees may be allowed to work more hours.

Trainees will have the opportunity to gain experience in conducting intake interviews, providing individual therapy, providing crisis intervention services and conducting outreach and educational programs to the college community. Students will be expected to keep up-to-date chart notes and adhere to the code of ethics of his/her professional discipline.

Counseling Center Staff Responsibilities

Each trainee will be assigned an individual supervisor, who will provide a minimum of 1 hour per week of individual supervision. Trainees will also meet weekly with the training coordinator for group supervision. Trainees will receive on-going training seminars and will have the opportunity to present cases and obtain feedback from our multi-disciplinary staff at case conferences.

Qualifications

Training positions will be open to Master's Social Work and Doctoral level Psychology students. Preference will be given to applicants who have prior clinical experience. Completion of coursework in counseling skills, theories of psychotherapy, and psychopathology is desirable.

Duration

The graduate training program will be nine months in duration. It will commence in September and end in May. All trainees will be expected to follow the academic calendar of Ramapo College of New Jersey in terms of breaks and holidays.

Performance Feedback

Trainees will receive on-going informal feedback from their individual and group supervisors. Formal evaluations will be conducted once each semester.

Application Procedure

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in the spring semester for consideration for the following fall semester. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, official transcript, and letter of readiness from their academic institution to the training coordinators:

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