Position Title: Second Year MSW intern

The Vassar College Counseling Service offers a 10-month, Social Work internship in college counseling for a 2nd year MSW student who may be in need of a 2nd year field placement. The internship provides an opportunity to gain experience working with a diverse student population at Vassar College, a residential, coeducational liberal arts college in Dutchess County, NY. We seek an intern who is committed to providing creative, collaborative, multicultural clinical service in a diverse college environment. The intern will receive social work hours and supervision to meet New York State licensure requirements. This is an unpaid internship.

The candidate will have the opportunity to gain advanced clinical experience in working in college counseling. We have a thriving center, with a strong group program, a commitment to diversity and multicultural and social justice values, and a wonderful group of collaborative and supportive colleagues.

Position Responsibilities:

- Intake and clinical assessment
- Provide brief individual psychotherapy
- Co-facilitate one therapy group per semester with senior staff
- Opportunities to provide outreach programming to the campus community; some evening and weekend hours are voluntary
- Complete thorough, timely, documentation
- Prepare for and utilize supervision and consultation with staff appropriately
- Other duties as assigned.

Required skills and experience:

- Past training or exposure to brief therapy models, and group therapy; Past experience working with emerging adults in a college mental health setting not required.
- Demonstrates a professional commitment to college counseling center work and student development.
- Demonstrates sensitivity and ability to work with clients from diverse backgrounds, as well as a commitment to continued learning towards multicultural competence and social justice.
- Excellent interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills, time management and attention to detail.
- Must be able to work both independently and cooperatively as a member of a professional team.
Position start and end dates:
Vassar College Counseling Service is open from August 15th until June 15th each school year. We understand that graduate programs often overlap with these dates. If there is flexibility in the candidate’s schedule to be present for the majority of this time, it is strongly encouraged. It is also important to note that the first month of this placement is a vital time for interns to be present for onboarding, building team cohesion and establishing an understanding of VCCS policy and procedure. It is strongly encouraged that interns/trainees do not take time off during the first month of their placement. Ideally, interns would begin their internship no later than the third week of August and end their internship no earlier than the first week in May.

Clinical Experience:
The intern will build knowledge, sensitivity, and ability to work with students from diverse backgrounds and will gain supervised experience in each of the following areas: Brief individual psychotherapy, group therapy, intake assessment, case management, crisis intervention and emergency services, consultation, and inclusive outreach programming. The Vassar College Counseling Service has a strong group therapy program and typically offers 8-10 groups per semester. The intern will be expected to co-facilitate one therapy group, per semester, with senior staff.

Supervision:
Both individual and group supervision will be provided by licensed psychologists and social workers who are staff members in the Counseling Service.

To Apply:
Please submit a cover letter, CV, and two references (at least one from your clinical supervisor) to Shenette Scille, Assistant Director of Training, shscille@vassar.edu.

We will be accepting applications on a rolling basis starting January 2nd!