



GSWEC Student Field Guide

For 2nd Year Field Placements in 2023-2024

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(Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium)

The GSWEC Student Field Guide was developed to assist work graduate students interested in developing skills in and specializing in services for and with older adults and their families to select and participate in an eligible field placement

GSWEC (Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium) is a collaboration among eight Graduate Schools of Social Work and fourteen community agencies specializing in services for older adults established in 1999 to provide a focused 2d year field placements and competency-driven geriatric social work field education. This guide includes:

GSWEC field placements are structured to provide social work graduate students with a well-founded experience serving older adults.

The GSWEC Consortium Includes:

Southern California Graduate Schools of Social Work

- ‡ Azusa Pacific University
- ‡ California State University, Dominguez Hills
- ‡ California State University, Fullerton
- ‡ California State University, Long Beach
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Do GSWEC placements offer stipends?

Most GSWEC agencies provide stipends of \$4,000. Some agencies (Pacific Clinics and VA Health Systems) provide \$5,000 or more. Some agencies withhold for taxes, others do not. Some pay biweekly, some at different intervals. See [Agency Program Descriptions](#) in this guide and check with agencies for details regarding stipends.

While it is our goal to have GSWEC students work in geriatric work after graduation, there currently is no employment obligation incurred. However, GSWEC agencies are always eager to hire graduates. (E)-10(ve)12(r)-7(, G)17(S)-11(W)-10(EC)5(a)-10(z)12(r)-

GSWEC Field Placement Opportunities 2023/2024

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AltaMed Health Services t PACE Program

Various locations throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Corporate Office: 2040 Camfield Ave.

Commerce, CA 90040

Contact: Lisa RuizVangelatos, LCSW, Social Work Manager

Email: lvangelatos@altamed.org

Phone: 323-480-1400 (cell)

Website: <https://www.altamed.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8a-5p
Format of stipend	\$5000 paid in 2 equal installments: end of first semester (early December), and end of last semester (late April)
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	No, virtual ok
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, Spanish or Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese) preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	Yes
U.S. Visa / LFHQ	No
Insurance	Malpractice insurance

Educational verification letter from school that states that they have met the following requirements:

a. Background check

b. Health clearance with immunizations or titers for: MMR, Vari

Other

AltaMed Health Services t PACE Program

Opportunity:

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in health care access and outcomes by providing superior quality health and human services through an integrated delivery system for Latino, multi-ethnic and often overlooked communities in Southern California. AltaMed serves the entire family with primary medical care, dental clinics and complete senior long-term care services, including primary care clinics, senior case management, and the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). AltaMed also delivers disease management programs, health education, youth services, specialty HIV/AIDS care and substance treatment. This internship will allow students the opportunity to work on one of our eleven PACE programs located across Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The programs provide 24/7 care to enrolled participants and are in: Long Beach, South LA (Watts), Huntington Park, Lynwood, Norwalk, Covina, El Monte, East LA, DTLA/Chinatown. \$QDKHLP DQG 6DQWD \$QD \$OWD0HG 3\$&(LV UHFRJQLJHG -DUsRe
medical and social services. AltaMed offers a distinct type of senior services to enable chronically ill and frail seniors to live safely and with dignity in the comfort of their own home while receiving essential health care services. Placement with the PACE program will allow students to integrate their classroom education into direct practice through biopsychosocial assessments, care plan development, case management, community linkages and referrals, discharge planning, psychoeducational and therapeutic groups, and working as part of an interdisciplinary team. The students also have the opportunity to work with families and caregivers of the program participants through engagement in the assessment process, discussion about advance life planning, and collaboration around individualized care plans.

Unique Aspects of Placement

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4221 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 400, LA 90010

Contact: Zina Paris MSW

Email: zparis@alzla.org

Phone: 323-930-6212

Website: <https://www.alzheimersla.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	Stipend, nortaxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
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Insurance	' U L Y H U p V L Q V X U D Q F H D Q G

Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
*Crisis Intervention *Case Management Short Term *Case Management Long Term *Information & Referral *Group	*Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
Setting	Population
*Community-Based Agency	*Staff/Professionals *Ethnic/Special Groups: All ethnically diverse groups; also, people in early stages of \$ O J K H L P H U p V G L V H D V H

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2515 McCabe Suite 200 Irvine, CA 92614

Contact: Toni Shapiro, LCSW, CMC, Social Work Supervisor

Email: toni.shapiro@alzoc.org

Phone: 949-757-3753

Website: <https://www.alzoc.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	16 hours unless 20 hours is required by school
Format of stipend	Stipend, nontaxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	In-person or virtual
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bi-lingual. Ongoing need for Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Farsi
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Vehicle Insurance	Yes, license and personal vehicle
Malpractice Insurance	Malpractice (usually university provided), Auto

Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *End of Life Care *Case Management Short Term *Case Management Long Term *Information & Referral *Group (possible) *Cognitive Screens *Options Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Educational Presentations
Setting	Population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Other: Adult Day Health Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers *Ethnic/Special Groups: Latinx, Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi-speaking individuals and families

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- x 65 N. Madison Ave, Suite 106 Pasadena, CA 91101
- x 10020 National Blvd, Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90034
 - x 220 East Figueroa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- x 73261 Highway 111, Suite 205, Palm Desert, CA 92260
 - x 220 East Figueroa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 - x 1650 Iowa Ave, Suite 120, Riverside, CA 92507
- x 3200 Park30.68 61900912 0 ter Drive, Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- x 2650 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 203, San Diego, CA 92108

Contact: Jennifer Axelson, LCSW, CCM, CLCP

Email: jennifer.axelson@arosacare.com

Phone: (630) 9532154

Website: arosacare.com/sagabrielvalley

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	M-F flexibility - Tue & Thu mornings are interdisciplinary rounds
Format of stipend	Stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
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Insurance	' ULYHU ¶ V OLFHQVH QR PD
Additional Background Check	Yes, paid by agency

Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *End of Life Care *Case Management - Short Term *Case Management - Long Term *Information & Referral *Group *Engagement with referral sources, assessments, and developing plans of care for adults with disabilities and the aging population	*Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Community Organization *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
Setting	Population
*Community-Based Agency	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Ethnic/Special Groups *Adults with disabilities (referrals from Regional Centers and the MS Socie

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Beach Cities Health District

Opportunity:

Huntington Health Senior Care Network

100 W. California Blvd Pasadena CA 91105
 Contact: Kristen Tachiki, LCSW 626-397-8145
 Email: kristen.tachiki@huntingtonhospital.com
 Phone: 626-397-8145
 Website: www.huntingtonhealth.org/scn

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend paid in February
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Insurance	

Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment	*Program Development
*Counseling	*Administrative/Project Management
*Family	*Community Outreach/Marketing
*Case Management-Short Term (MSSP/ALW only)	*Grant Writing
*Case Management-Long Term (MSSP/ALW only)	
*Information & Referral	
*Group	

Multipurpose Senior Center

11338 Santa Monica Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90025

Contact: Susan Belgrade, Senior Director

Email: Sbelgrade@jfsla.org

Phone: 3235743941

Website: <https://www.jfsla.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	M-Th 8:30-5:00, Friday 8:30-3:30
Format of stipend	Stipend, nontaxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles t Felicia Mahood
Multipurpose Senior Center

Opportunity:

An Intern at JFS LA/Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center will have the opportunity to be supervised and mentored by professionals in the field who work on a daily basis with older adults and who serve the local community of seniors and their families. The work setting is in the office or in the field as home visits are required to assess our case management clients on a regular basis. Typically, an Intern will be assigned one Intake shift a week, during which they would expect to see clients in person or via phone to provide information, referrals, consultations, short crises interventions, assisting with applying for governmental benefits, grants and advocating on their behalf. Through case management program, an intern will learn how to conduct home visits, complete comprehensive psychosocial assessments, care plans and discharge planning. There is a possibility to facilitate a support group.

Community outreach, organizing senior events, program development and engagement might also be available
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Unique Aspects of Placement

This site hosts some services in Spanish and Farsi. Students who are bilingual and interested in serving these communities are welcome. Interns will also have the opportunity to work with Seniors 60+ who might be Holocaust survivors and their families and/or with caregivers of those with memory impairment and chronic health issues. Also, specific training provided on how to work with clients/family members who present with Dementia.

Motion Picture and Television Fund t Elder Connection
Program

Opportunity:

The student would have the opportunity to intern with MPTF's Elder Connection Program, which provides service

Program

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Woodland Hills CA91364
Contact: Jennifer Jorge, LCSW
Email: Jennifer.Jorge@mptf.com
Phone: 818-861-3911
Website:

Motion Picture and Television Fund t

Innovation/Engagement

23388 Mulholland Drive
Woodland Hills CA91364
Contact: Jennifer Jorge, LCSW
Email: Jennifer.Jorge@mptf.com
Phone: 818-861-3911
Website: <https://mptf.com/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	MWF 8:00am- 4:40pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, NonTaxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	English

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Motion Picture and Television Fund Innovation/Engagement

Opportunity:

Mission is to support the entertainment community in living and aging well, with dignity and purpose, and self-determination and advocacy for industry members, their parents and caregivers through continuously evolving programs and services designed to meet their health and human service needs.

The Innovation department at the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF) is excited to offer a macro focused GSWEC internship. We can provide an on-site or hybrid internship in which students will support the Innovation department in collaborating with other departments to deliver innovative programming for older adults living on MPTF's senior living campus and in the community. There is an opportunity to work with the Engagement department on development and evaluation of an intergenerational career mentorship program which pairs younger adults with their careers in the entertainment industry with older adults who have retired from the industry. For this project, interns will help develop a toolkit, conduct outreach to other organizations we would like to partner with, facilitate mentor/mentee training and matches, and assist with evaluation of the program through survey administration and feedback sessions. Interns will also support Innovation pilot projects in collaboration with the Social Services department, Nursing staff, and Recreation and Activities departments. Interns will work with Innovation staff implement and evaluate projects. Finally, interns are encouraged to gain experience working one-on-one with residents living on campus by providing technology support (e.g., helping residents use their smart phones or computers) which is a project MPTF has been undertaking. There will also be opportunities to gain micro/mezzo skills working directly with residents and community dwelling older adults in a clinical, case management capacity.

Unique Aspects of Placement

100 years after 1921 is more relevant today than ever. MPTF supports working and retired members of the entertainment community with a safety net of health and social services, including temporary financial assistance, case management, and residential living. From childcare to living and aging well with dignity and purpose, MPTF is there to guide the industry workforce through the enormous obstacles life presents. For 100 years, the extraordinary generosity of the entertainment community has enabled MPTF to deliver charitable services to industry members in need. MPTF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

Program

Opportunity:

The student would have the opportunity to intern with MPTF's Palliative Care Program which provides wrap around palliative care services to entertainment industry professionals and their families. MPTF's Palliative Care Program currently partners with UCLA medical care to provide outpatient palliative care to industry members and/or their families that have been diagnosed with a life altering illness. Unlike hospice where an individual needs to be given an ending diagnosis, palliative care is designed to work concurrently with other medical treatments that an individual may be pursuing. The Palliative Care team is made up of a medical doctor, a social worker, a nurse practitioner and a chaplain. This team is designed to take care of the medical, social and spiritual needs of the individual and their family as they tackle their diagnosis.

The intern would have the opportunity to experience the unique complexities of the entertainment industry, while developing their own practice skills with clients who have been diagnosed with a life altering illness. The intern will learn how to conduct biopsychosocial assessments, clinical geriatric assessments (e.g., Geriatric Depression Scale, Mini-Mental Status Exam, etc.) and develop/implement case plans with clients, families, medical staff and other professionals involved in the care of the client. The palliative care social worker and intern work with various modalities, including individuals, couples and families. Services provided may include comprehensive case management, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and educating and providing therapy to the client and their family. The intern will experience working with clients in both a community based medical setting as well as individual home settings. Interns may have the possibility of facilitating various groups that MPTF offers including grief/bereavement groups. Although the primary focus of practice is micro, the intern will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the micro/mezzo/macro interplay in the field of palliative care, particularly how this relates to the clients MPTF serves.

Unique Aspects of Placement

MPTF's retirement community has, for generations, been at the center of MPTF's legacy to countless people in the entertainment industry who seek a warm, inviting, supportive place to spend their retirement years. MPTF is a non-profit organization that provides a full continuum of services for older adults on its 44-acre community located in the west San Fernando Valley. Services include a Residential Care Facility for the elderly (RCFE), focuses on independent and assisted living; a 40-bed Long Term Care community for residents who need 24-hour care and 30-bed unit for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Pacific Clinics u Asian Pacific Family Center Older Adult
Program

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Program

Opportunity:

Pacific Clinics tOlder Adult , PEI/FSP/MHSA

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Los Angeles CA 90005

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Email: dgolden@pacificclinics.org

Phone: 626-463-1021 ext. 1405 or 626-696-9072

Website: www.pacificclinics.org/

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday is required; other days can be flexible
Format of stipend	Minimum wage/hour plus additional bilingual differential, taxed, minimum of 20 hours/week required
Work Study	Yes, agency can sign federal work study contract if university issues work study payments
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
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Insurance	' U L Y H U ¶ V L Q V X U D Q F H
Other	Orientation is first day of field placement



Pacific Clinics tOlder Adult, PEI/FSP/MHSA

Opportunity:

Opportunity to work as part of a multidisciplinary team in a cutting edge PEI/FSP/MHSA program. Opportunity to work with chronically mentally ill clients with a multitude of stressors and to provide individual, family, and group therapy, case management, individual and community outreach. Opportunity to see clients in clinic setting and do field-based work, visiting with clients in a multitude of settings including hospitals, client homes, parks, etc. In this setting you will have an opportunity to diagnose and treat clients, develop treatment plans, do initial assessments including a mental status exam. You will administer several assessments, including

Pacific Clinics, Portals Division Older Adult Services, SA 4

Opportunity:

- x Opportunity to work in a cohesive team for professional development.
- x Opportunity to see clients in clinic setting and also to do home-based work, visiting with clients in the office, in client homes, in assisted living facilities, and/or board/care facilities
- x

Partners in Care Foundation t Community Wellness Department

Opportunity:

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) goal is to facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medicaid eligible seniors and persons with disabilities from a nursing facility to a community home-like setting in a Residential Care Facility (RCF), an Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF), or public subsidized housing; and offer eligible seniors and persons with disabilities who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized, the option of utilizing ALW services. The services that Partners in Care provides are enrolling clients, conducting assessments and reassessments using the AL Assessment Tool, determining each client's level of care, developing Individualized Service Plans, arranging for services as determined necessary by the individual assessment, and monthly visits to participants. ALW participants provide an opportunity to develop the following competencies: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, Crisis Intervention, Care Plan Development, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Referrals and Services, Implementation, visits, collaboration and partnering with various healthcare providers, marketing, and opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement

Alternatives

732 Mott St., Suite 150
 San Fernando, CA 91340
 Contact: Natalie Monden
 Email: nmonden@picf.org
 Phone: 818-837-3775 Ext. 103
 Website: www.picf.org/

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	8:30-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, nortaxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
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Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro

- *Counseling
- *Crisis Intervention

Partners in Care Foundation at Home and Community Based Alternatives

Opportunity:

Home Community Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver services medically fragile participants ranging from infancy to geriatrics. HCBA Waiver allows Medical beneficiaries with high level care needs to continue to live at home in the community by identifying and ensuring they receive services that will sustain their health and safety outside of an institution. HCBA will provide an opportunity to develop the following competencies: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, C

Partners in Care Foundation t Multipurpose Senior Services
Program

3621 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Suite 8
Lynwood, CA 90262
Contact: Renee Ochoa, MSW
Email: rochoa@picf.org
Phone: 213-296-3000 Ext. 305 or 306

Partners in Care Foundation at Multipurpose Senior Services Program

Opportunity:

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program provides a learning environment with direct experience in developing competency in the following areas: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, Crisis Intervention, Case Development, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Referrals and Service Implementation, field visits, collaboration, and partners with health management organizations thru California Advancing and Innovating Care (CAAIM) Medicare Medical Plans, marketing and opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement

Case Assignments for student interns may include assignments of up to (10) clients, with responsibilities to include care conferencing, progress recordings on monthly phone contacts and home visits, monitor and implement referral services to frail seniors over 65 years of age who wish to remain at home.

SCAN Health Plan

3800 Kilroy Airport Way #100, Long Beach CA 90806

Contact: Nathan Norbryhn

Email: nnorbryhn@scanhealthplan.com

Phone: 562-988-5100

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays are a required day for supervision
Format of stipend	Taxed check payment
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bilingual Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	TBD
TB Test	Yes
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Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Family *Case Management Short Term *Case Management Long Term *Information & Referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing (possible) *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning (possible)
Setting	Population
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Health Maintenance Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups

SCAN Health Plan t Independence at Home

3800 Kilroy Airport Way #100, Long Beach CA 90806

Contact: Nathan Norbryhn

Email: nnorbryhn@scanhealthplan.com

Phone: 562-988-5100

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Usually agreed upon with Student Typically is Tue, Wed or Thu
Format of stipend	Taxed check payment
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bilingual Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	TBD
TB Test	Yes

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SCAN Health Plan t Independence at Home

Opportunity:

SCAN is a not-for-profit Medicare Advantage plan. Serving more than 275,000 members across multiple counties in the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. SCAN offers comprehensive health care plus enhanced health management programs for our most frail and vulnerable members.

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continue to control where and how they live. Our focus is on helping members live more
independent. SCAN offers the GSWEC intern a breadth of experiences with the senior population, within a non-
environment. These opportunities include case management within multiple programs planning and
development, personal interaction, care planning, and continued interfacing with other clinical disciplines.

For the student to:

- x provide case management services and / or mental health counseling to Older Adults and their caregivers
- x learn about federal, state and local policies related to the services we provide

Unique Aspects of Placement

Mental Health: A student placed in the Insights program (Behavioral health) will provide mental health services to individuals that are having barriers to access the services they need through any other means.

Case Management: A student placed in the Homeless Services Case Management program will assist individuals at risk for homelessness or recently housed by connecting them to community resources and providing the support, encouragement, and advocacy they need.

Please be advised that SCAN also has additional placements outside of Independence at Home under the Health Plan entity, Please see the SCAN Health Plan description for details.

Special Services for Groups/Sustaining Independent Lives
with Vital Empowering Resources

515 Columbia Ave #100
Los Angeles CA 90017
Contact: Yvonne Sun
Email: ysun@ssgsilver.org
Phone: (213) 5531884
Website: ssg.org

Agency Requirements

Specific Day/Hours

Monday and Wednesday Preferred

Special Services for Groups/Sustaining Independent Lives with Vital Empowering Resources

Opportunity:

Students placed at SSG/SILVER will have an opportunity to see clients flow through different levels of care from case management and mental health intervention to intensive case management and comprehensive mental health intervention including medication management. Students will also work with family caregivers and address systemic issues within the home environment. While SSG has many divisions, students should be advised that the placement will be with SILVER and rotation with other divisions will be available.

Unique Aspects of Placement

SSG/SILVER does have funding from DMH to work with clients starting from Prevention and Early intervention to Full Scope intensive mental health treatment (24/7 crisis management). SSG/SILVER also works with several community partners to address the needs of the culturally diverse clientele that includes those who are housing insecure. Students will have an opportunity to learn about various culturally specific interventions and be able to incorporate their learning into better assessment and evaluation of clients.

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda
Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los
Angeles Healthcare Center

16111 Plummer St Sepulveda, CA 91343
11301 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90073
Contact: Michelle Wildy
Email: michelle.wildy@va.gov
Phone: 626-558

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda
Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los
Angeles Healthcare Center

Opportunity:

We provide primary care in the innovative medical home model, tertiary inpatient and ambulatory care (acute, sub-acute, rehabilitation, extended care, dementia unit), mental health services, mental health integrated care, adult healthcare, home healthcare, homeless services, hospice, palliative care, nursing home, geriatric medicine, geropsychiatry, and substance abuse treatment, all with an interdisciplinary focus.

Unlike other programs, the VA offers interdisciplinary teamwork, which means that each member of the team is of equal value but holds different types of expertise. The patient is part of the team, and the team goal is patient centered. Multidisciplinary teams rely on a hierarchy with medicine in the leadership role. Interdisciplinary or interprofessional teams share leadership with all team members. **W. V D K D O O P D U N R I * 6 : (& D Q G L P S R U W** with these teams.

ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM SEPULVEDA

The ADHC is a structured day program for the physically and/or cognitively impaired older or disabled adult who can benefit from a supportive environment. The ADHC provides socialization, health monitoring, individual exercise program, cognitive and therapeutic activities and day respite for caregivers. We assist Veterans and caregivers safely in their home environment with support.

Day Program with strong Mental Health Component including intensive case management
Individual Counseling and Group Therapy (Reminiscence and Therapeutic **S U R G R O U P S**)
Caregiver Support and Education
Interdisciplinary approach

COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER WEST LA

The WLA Community Living Center provides a wide range of social services to 51 Veterans on the 213-2 ward.
The West LA CLC provides 24-hour

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda
Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los
Angeles Healthcare Center

PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM SEPULVEDA(PACT)

Assess and treat the complicated psychosocial problems of Veterans families and caregivers.

Provide assessment of homeless and other psychosocial problems that cause distress, such as adjustment to current

[VA Loma Linda Healthcare System](#)

[&](#)

[VA Long Beach Healthcare System](#)

New opportunities are being developed for placements with the VA Long Beach. For more information, please check the GSWECS website for the latest version.

WISE and Healthy Aging t

WISE and Healthy Aging t Adult Day Service Center

Opportunity:

While working at our Adult Day Service Center (ADSC), interns will be encouraged to sharpen their assessment skills by providing biopsychosocial assessments for older adults who are frail, have impaired cognition, or other psychological diagnoses. In collaboration with ADSC staff, interns will create 6-month care

WISE and Healthy Aging t Holistic Elder Abuse Response
Team

1527 4th St., 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Contact: Miles McNeeley
Email: mmcneeley@wiseandhealthyaging.org
Phone: (310) 3949871, ext. 423
Website: <https://www.wiseandhealthyaging.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	

WISE and Healthy Aging at Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team

Opportunity:

Elder abuse prevention and intervention in community settings: This internship opportunity will support elder and dependent adult abuse survivors through the Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team (HEART), a function of the WISE & Healthy Aging Elder Abuse Prevention Program. HEART provides case management, individual and group counseling, legal system advocacy (attending court, helping to write victim impact statements, getting restraining orders filed) and some emergency funds to elder and dependent adult abuse survivors. This program incorporates pre-post testing for depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, isolation and loneliness, and a mental status exam. Services are primarily provided in client's homes or at the Long Beach and Santa Monica offices. The program is additionally located at the Long Beach Police Department. The program conducts weekly support groups for survivors of romance scams. GSWEC student would be offered the opportunity to participate in the aforementioned roles alongside HEART staff. Additionally, a GSWEC student will be able to conduct trainings to community groups about how to detect abuse and access available resources if one becomes a victim.

Exposure to the elder justice multidisciplinary teams may include all or any of the following:

Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center: GSWEC students will have the opportunity to attend meetings to observe this multidisciplinary team that meets weekly to review, consult and deliberate on the most egregious elder abuse cases in the County. The team is comprised of a geriatrician, neuropsychologist, Adult Protective Services, Ombudsman, Public Guardian, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Sheriff's Department, other local law enforcement jurisdictions, Department of Mental Health, and the Victim Witness Program.

Los Angeles County Elder Death Review Team: Co-chaired by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's and Coroner's Office Chief Medical Examiner; the team reviews suspicious deaths that involve elders or defendant adults. Cases are brought forward by law enforcement and the Ombudsman. GSWEC students will have the opportunity to attend this meeting.

SCAMS LA Workgroup: Co-chaired by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. This group brings together professionals from state, federal, and local public and private agencies who investigate elder abuse. <https://www.scamsla.org/>

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- X Long Beach Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 400 Long Beach Blvd, Suite 440, Long Beach, 90807
- X Santa Monica Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 1527 4th St., 2nd Floor, Santa Monica, 90401
- X Pasadena Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 2700 E Foothill Blvd, Ste 301. Pasadena, CA. 91107
- X Montebello/Downtown LA Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 1493 N. Montebello Blvd, Suite 104, Montebello, CA 90640
- X Van Nuys Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 16461 Sherman Way, Suite 177, Van Nuys, 91406
- X Torrance Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 19401 S. Vermont Ave Suite D 90502
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WISE and Healthy Aging Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Opportunity:

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is designed to provide independent oversight over the quality of care in long term care facilities by advocating for resident's health, safety, welfare and rights. Its federally mandated activities include, but are not limited to, complaint investigation, unannounced monitoring visits to licensed long term care facilities, community education, resident advocacy. Ombudsman in the state of California also are called to witness advance health care directives executed by residents in skilled nursing facilities; receive mandatory reports of elder and dependent adult abuse and conduct preliminary abuse investigations.

GSWEC students who have the interest, the skill level and capabilities will have additional opportunities to select from that are distinct from traditional internship assignments. The following are distinct GSWEC opportunities:

Elder and dependent adult abuse in long term care settings: GSWEC students with the necessary capabilities will be additionally trained to conduct elder and dependent adult abuse investigations.

Exposure to elder justice multidisciplinary teams will vary by County where internship takes place. In Los Angeles County, the Elder Abuse Forensic Center will allow GSWEC students the opportunity to attend meetings to observe or to present a case if that is deemed a necessary intervention. The Forensic Center is multidisciplinary team that meets weekly to review, consult and take action on the most egregious elder abuse cases in the County. The team is comprised of a geriatrician, neuropsychologist, APS, Ombudsman, Public Guardian, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Sheriff's Department, other local law enforcement jurisdictions, Department of Mental Health and other community based organizations.

Macro projects policy, advocacy, and outreach: Rotations will vary by County where internship placement and may include supporting policy and advocacy efforts of the Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs. A few examples of the types of assignments: Help with the coordination of the County of Los Angeles Abuse in Later Life Learning Collaborative; co-chaired by the LA Department of Public Health and WISE & Healthy Aging. The committee seeks to conduct training and link service providers in the elder justice and domestic violence intervention networks to support more cohesive response to abuse in later life.

Legislative education and advocacy: Engage in letter writing to support or oppose legislation, conduct visits in district to educate legislators on the impact of budget packages, legislation, and policy implications. Additionally, GSWEC students will have the opportunity to engage with statewide advocacy organizations like the California Elder Justice Coalition, the California Long Term Care Ombudsman Association, and attend state level advocacy meetings with the regulatory agencies to deal with systemic issues that arise from the field.

Mental health focused rotation. Regular visitation at an Institution for Mentally Disabled (IMD), a locked nursing facility that serves individuals with dementing illnesses and also individuals with persistent mental illness that require intensive treatment. Some of these facilities have forensic units and clients are ordered to stay at the facility in lieu of time in prison.

Additional Networking and Training opportunities: GSWEC students will have opportunities to attend select webinars/trainings offered throughout the county.

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