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NAME OF AGENCY: Village Health Care Center

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STUDENT PREFERENCE: BSW student ☐ MSW student ☐ Either BSW or MSW ☐

A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
The Social Services Department at The Village Health Care Center provides direct social work services to residents, families, and authorized representatives. Clients served by the department are referred by staff personnel and physicians, or by assessment of needs. Services provided include admission assistance, discharge planning, information and referral to community resources, short-term counseling, emotional and spiritual support to residents and families experiencing life-threatening illness and/or adjustments that result from illness or need for nursing home placement.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
We primarily serve the elderly, though we also serve young and middle-age adults who are handicapped and those temporarily, chronically, or terminally ill. The Village provides skilled nursing care, a specialized dementia unit, as well as long term care. The Village has a new sub acute/rehabilitation unit which employs a full staff of occupational, physical and speech therapists.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Students placed at The Village have the opportunity and pleasure of working with and establishing short and long-term relationships with a large number of clients with varying medical conditions. Students gain in assessment and interviewing skills, in addition to learning about many local, state and federal programs. Opportunity presents itself to do individual, family, group and organizational work. This is an excellent environment for any student interested in the growing fields of gerontology, medical social work, and long-term health care.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
A two-semester practicum is preferred, with student present Monday through Friday. The Social Services Director will be willing to provide flexibility in arranging a schedule with the student. There is daily contact with staff, clients, families and providers; therefore a student needs to maintain a professional appearance. Students are expected to maintain confidentiality and all rights of the residents, as well as abide by facility policies and procedures. To apply for consideration of a practicum at the Village, a resume must be submitted and an interview arranged with the director. Please contact the director with any questions.