DATE AGENCY DESCRIPTION UPDATED: March 2016

NAME OF AGENCY: YWCA Missoula

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

A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

The YWCA Pathways Program offers a full array of services to adult survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Services offered include 24-hour crisis intervention and response; emergency shelter; peer counseling; open and closed support groups; advocacy with medical, criminal justice, legal, and social service systems; 24-hour response and support to sexual assault victims; and access to private, free of charge, counseling.

Under the supervision of an in-house licensed therapist, YWCA Clinical Interns have the opportunity to help support Pathways Program participants by providing brief individual counseling, support group facilitation, and sexual assault advocacy response.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

Teen and adult survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the YWCA Clinical Internship will choose at least two of the following options and are welcome to participate in all three depending on their interest and need for professional development:

(1) Sexual Assault Response Advocate: Interns meet with teen and adult survivors of sexual assault at First Step or other designated location to provide emotional support during examinations, interviews, and other processes; assist with safety planning; provide information regarding rights and options; and assist with referral to additional resources as needed. Interns will be on-call at least two 12 hour shifts a week while the YWCA is the designated on-call provider. A monetary stipend is available for sexual response advocates.

(2) Outpatient Counseling: Provide brief counseling (~12 sessions) to eligible YWCA participants. Interns are expected to commit to at least one 4-hour counseling shift. Additional shifts may be available on a case-by-case basis to interested students.

(3) Group Facilitator: Facilitate Tuesday evening open support groups at least three times per month. Groups are for female survivors of interpersonal violence. Interested interns may have the opportunity to facilitate additional support groups, depending on interest and availability. A monetary stipend is available for group facilitators.

Additional opportunities:

(1) Attend scheduled group and individual supervision meetings. Students typically meet for 1 hour of group and 1 hour of individual supervision weekly; this schedule may vary according to individual and/or program needs.

(2) Attend required trainings. Interns are required to complete the 25-hour YWCA Advocate Training. Depending on the opportunities the intern chooses to participate in required trainings may include the 10-hour Group Facilitator training and/or specific training and shadowing designed for the Sexual Assault
Response Advocates. Additional training may be required/offered depending on individual/program needs.

(3) **Have access to additional learning opportunities at the YWCA.** Depending on educational needs and interests, interns may participate in other direct service and indirect service opportunities at the YWCA including, but not limited to, walk-in crisis counseling, closed sexual assault groups, leading trainings and presentations, and program administration and development tasks.

**D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS**

Interns are expected to work approximately 10-15 hours per week from May or June 2016 through May 2017, and have the opportunity to work additional hours if desired. Work will include the opportunities outlined above, as well as relevant paperwork, communication, and administrative duties. Students are asked to work closely with their supervisor to ensure their experience meets their educational needs.

The YWCA Clinical internship is intended for Counselor Education and Social Work graduate students who have experience and/or interest in working with trauma survivors, especially survivors of interpersonal violence. Students are expected to have foundational individual and group counseling skills, as well as a general understanding of case conceptualization and treatment planning. Students should also be able to communicate respectfully and effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, and have the ability to work with people in an empowering, supportive, and constructive manner. Prior training/experience in domestic and sexual violence as well as knowledge of trauma response and/or trauma-informed treatment are desirable but not required as advanced training in domestic and sexual violence will be provided by the YWCA. Students must pass a background check and provide proof of professional liability insurance coverage and auto liability insurance coverage.