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Clinical Training Program Internship and Application Process for Associate MFTs, Associate CSWs, and Associate PCCs

About Well Baby Center

Well Baby Center is a nonprofit parenting and counseling center located in the Mar Vista neighborhood of Los Angeles. Our mission is to strengthen parent-child relationships by promoting reflective and mindful interactions between parent and child.

We believe that when parents mindfully reflect on their interactions with their children, three things occur: they don't burden them with their own unresolved childhood issues; they help them reach their full developmental potential; and they help them build satisfying, lifelong relationships with others.

Our specially-trained family counselors guide parents through the process of self-healing and self-discovery so they can be fully present as their child grows. We strive to achieve maximum impact by intervening as early as possible.

Internship Opportunity

Well Baby Center welcomes BBS-registered Associate Marriage and Family Therapists (AMFTs), Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASWs), and Associate Professional Clinical Counselors (APCCs), who are passionate about working with children and families to apply for a one-year unpaid internship in our Clinical Training Program.

Candidates must be registered with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences and able to commit to a one-year minimum placement (internship may be extended beyond one year by mutual agreement). Clinical practice includes initial consultations; adult, couple, child, child-parent, and family therapy; and therapeutic groups and classes.

Clinical Training and Supervision

Associates are provided with specialized training in psychodynamic therapy, and relationship-based infant-parent and maternal mental health. This includes training in the Mindful Parenting Group model, which focuses on enhancing the attachment relationship. We provide four hours of weekly group supervision (two hours each for counseling and group programs), and one hour of individual supervision.

Requirements

Associates must be able to:

- Commit 20 hours per week, including *at least one weeknight or weekend day*.
- Attend *both* current group supervision times:
 - Wednesday 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and
 - Friday 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

Recommendation

We strongly recommend that Associates engage in their own therapy during training at Well Baby Center. Because we practice psychodynamic therapy, where transference and countertransference are important treatment tools, the insights and self-awareness gained from personal therapy are essential.

Application

To be considered, you must submit a résumé, cover letter including applicant information, essays, and three professional references to info@wellbabycenter.org.

Applicant Information

Date Available to Start

Availability, including Saturday and/or Evenings

BBS Associate Registration #

BBS Hours Accumulated

Essay Questions

(answer all questions in no more than four pages)

What life experiences have drawn you to this profession?

What are your long-term professional goals?

Why are you interested in an internship with Well Baby Center specifically?

Tell us about your experience and interest in working with infants, children and families.

Tell us about your experience working in a psychodynamic approach/family systems approach.

Selection Process

We accept applications on a rolling basis and have openings throughout the year. Strong applicants will be contacted for a phone interview. Those who seem to be a good fit will be invited for a tour and at least one in-person interview. References will be checked before finally offering a position in our Clinical Training Program.

If Selected

You will also be required to:

- Provide a copy of Liability Insurance coverage
 - If needed: <http://www.cphins.com/post-masters-mft-intern-under-supervision/>
- Pass a background check through Live Scan fingerprinting
- Provide results from a cleared TB test

Questions

If you have any further questions, please email info@wellbabycenter.org or call (310) 402-2229.

Thank you for your interest in Well Baby Center!