

WEST VALLEY COUNSELING CENTER
Traineeships beginning in January, 2018

Thank you for your interest in working with us. West Valley Counseling Center is one of the most innovative Marriage and Family Therapist training centers. We have two locations, one in Tarzana, and a new satellite office in Ventura, CA. Our mission is to provide high-quality, affordable therapy and family counseling in a comfortable private practice setting. Equally important to us is providing traineeships and internships of the highest caliber for Marriage and Family Therapists.

WHAT WE OFFER

- **Experience** - WVCC offers a unique setting for students interested in a traineeship leading to a future in private practice. Trainees gain first hand experience by working with clients, building a clientele, marketing their services, networking with the community, setting fees, and billing insurance.

- **Training** – The traineeship begins with a 16-hour training program. Classes are held on Sundays from 10am to 2pm starting in early January. (The exact schedule will be announced mid-December.)

Training Areas Include:

- Intake and Assessment
- Office procedures and note keeping (DAP notes)
- Billing & setting fees
- Learning to “sit” in the room
- Verbal and non-verbal Communication
- Trauma, healing & the resiliency model
- Transference & Countertransference
- Boundaries in Psychotherapy
- Brief overview of therapeutic models and developing your own style
- Law & Ethics in Private Practice
- Networking and Marketing in Private Practice

Upon completion of training, therapists will begin seeing clients

- **Supervision** - WVCC provides multiple group supervisions each week and individual supervision as needed. We are dedicated to offering ongoing support and education.

- **Group/Project Development** - Trainees may take the initiative to start and facilitate a group of their choice or create and run a WVCC program such as a specific marketing campaign or an outreach program.

- **Community Relationships** - Trainees have the opportunity to establish professional relationships with local schools, family attorneys, treatment

programs, doctors and others in the mental health community,

- **Flexibility** - WVCC offers trainees the flexibility to work weekend and evening hours to accommodate school and work schedules.
- **Private Practice Style Offices** - We have a variety of beautifully furnished individual and group therapy offices, as well as a staff meeting room and kitchen
- **Potential to Grow with WVCC** - Upon successful completion of a traineeship with West Valley Counseling Center, graduating students may be invited by one of the supervisors or Clinical Director to apply for a paid internship position.

WHAT WE REQUIRE

- Current enrollment in an accredited Master's level program, in good standing with completion of required classes to begin practicum.
- Completion of West Valley Counseling Center 16-hour training program (Classes are held on evenings & Sundays)
- Payment of \$1200 (one-time payment includes training program, all materials and all required supervision for the one-year practicum.)
- Malpractice Insurance
- Minimum time commitment of one year and 15 hours per week

HOW TO APPLY

Submit letter of interest, resume, and two letters of recommendation to:

Email: info@westvalleycounseling.org

Or: West Valley Counseling Center

19634 Ventura Blvd., Suite 212 Tarzana, CA 91356

To be considered for January, 2018, please submit all materials by *December 1, 2017*.

For more information visit our web: www.westvalleycounseling.org

**Preference is given to applicants desiring a long-term placement (through licensure). **