

The Dean and Head of the Department of Psychiatry
MGM Hospital
Kalamboli,
Navi Mumbai

Subject: Placement of students for Field Work at MGM Hospital for the academic year 2014-2015

Dear Dr. Ghildiyal,

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is a deemed university located at Deonar, Mumbai. Center for Human Ecology is offering a course in MA in Counselling and MA in Clinical Psychology. The Institute provides fieldwork exposure to its students in many programmes and our students are placed at various agencies across Mumbai. We have successfully placed students at MGM Hospital last year and would like to continue with the placement this year as well.

Along with the theoretical classes students will be exposed to clinical field work starting from the first year. They will be placed at various hospitals settings throughout Mumbai. At these field work placements they will learn, first via observation, and later through direct handling of cases on their own under direct supervision. All year-round our students will be guided by the field supervisors and faculty supervisors from TISS.

We would like to place four students during their second semester (November – March) and third semester (June – September) at MGM Hospital in the Psychiatry and Psychology department. These students will start field work on the 18th November, 2014. The names of the students are as follows –

1. Ms. Ipsita Chaterjee
2. Ms. Komal Kaira
3. Ms. Radhika Bhat
4. Ms. Yashaswini Guntarapalli

Break-up of activities at the field work setting during the second semester (November-March):

Learn the nuances of detailed case history taking and conducting mental status examination.

They will initially be provided the framework for clinical interviews in class.

At the field work placements they will gain practical knowledge initially via observation and later through directly conducting intake assessments with clients.

Under supervision, formulate case conceptualizations based on the data collected from the intake assessment using various theoretical backgrounds.

During this semester the students will also learn the latest nomenclature using the DSM-V which will aid their diagnostic skills.

The Center for Human Ecology requires the students to complete a minimum of **three** cases independently during this semester. While working closely with the faculty and field supervisors, the students will handle at least three cases on their own – which will include case history taking, MSE, and a case formulation on the basis of this information.

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Students will also work with individual clients and families



They can work on issues such as treatment compliance, psychoeducation on psychiatric disorders, crises intervention, as well as providing support to families.

They can also observe and assist in the ongoing group therapy activities at the hospital. As per the needs of the hospital and the community, the students can also conduct awareness workshops in the hospital or in the community.

During the third semester, a component of personality assessment will be added. So students can also conduct psychological assessments along with individual and group psychotherapy. Our faculty/field supervisor can discuss the details of this semester later.

In addition to their supervisor at MGM Hospital, each student will be assigned a faculty supervisor who will liaise with the field supervisor. Our students would attend field work on Mondays and Tuesdays (full days) during the two semesters. We thank you once again for providing our students with this opportunity. The observership fees of Rs. 1600 per student per semester will be paid at the beginning of the field work.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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