

URI CFT Internships and Supervisors

An off-site practicum placement (internship) begins at the end of the first academic year for full-time students and end of the second academic year for part-time students. Internships entail approximately 20 hours per week, including 10-12 direct client contact hours with the remainder consisting of staff meetings, trainings, supervision, and record-keeping.

Off-site (internship) placements are established in accordance with AAMFT supervision regulations and their potential to provide relational cases required for students to complete their 500-hour client contact requirement.

The application process consists of:

1. preparing a resume
2. getting a list of approved off-site placements from Dr. Sparks or other internship instructor
3. speaking with graduate students who are currently placed at the agency/site
4. contacting at least three off-site placements for interview appointments
5. interviewing at least three potential placement sites.

After your interviews:

1. You will give a list of preferred placements to Dr. Sparks.
2. The off-site supervisors will let Dr. Sparks know their preferences.
3. In assigning students to placements, Dr. Sparks will consider the preferences expressed by students and supervisors and match them as closely as possible after consultation with program faculty. Students will not be assigned to sites unless they have been requested.

Financial remuneration is provided at some sites based on ability to pay or policies. Although the program encourages sites to provide assistance when possible, compensation is not guaranteed. The program recommends that students select choices based on their interviews and research and not on financial compensation. The process of placement outlined above is designed to maximize the fit of the intern with the site to ensure optimal learning throughout the yearlong experience.

NOTE: The internship placement process is competitive in that students from this program may compete with each other for spots and may also compete with graduate students from other schools/programs. Placements are based on best fit, taking into account site and student preferences. It is not guaranteed that a student will get their top choice/s. We strongly recommend that any competition for sites be professional and friendly and does not impede the overall supportive environment of the program.

Below are some of the internships and supervisors currently available for CFT graduate students at URI. These off-site placements change from time to time according to the needs of the program and the agencies and in accordance with the availability of AAMFT approved supervisors or supervisor candidates.

Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) – Providence, RI

Cheryl Dill, MS, LMFT

Pepperdine University, Irvine Campus, CA

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Clinical Supervisor, Community Services (FSRI) (since January 2015)

8 years in practice

Ledyard Youth Services – Ledyard, CT

Kate Sikorski, MS, LMFT, CADC

University of Rhode Island

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Coordinator of Youth Services, Town of Ledyard, CT

9 years in practice

United Community and Family Services (UCFS) – Norwich, CT

Colleen DeVine, MS, LMFT

Southern Connecticut State University

Approved Supervisor

MDE Clinic Program Supervisor, Supervisor of BHS Clinicians & Interns

16 years in practice

North American Family Institute (NAFI) – Providence, RI

Sarah Wignall, MS, LMFT

University of Rhode Island

AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Clinical Supervisor

Enhanced Outpatient Services (EOS)

5 years in practice