

**Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services
(IMCES)**

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2011-2012 Training Year

of Placements: 3 FT

Duration: Flexible

Hours/Week: 40

Post-Doctoral Trainees will be:

Registered Psychologist

Psych. Assistant

Exempt Setting

Type of Training:

Assessment

Child

Crisis

Individual

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Outreach

Brief

Consultation

Family

Inpatient

Neuropsychology

Psychological Testing

Case Mgmt

Couples

Group

Long Term

Outpatient

Other

Paid: \$45,000/year

Supervision: 2

Hours of Group Supervision: 2

Agency Description: IMCES is a licensed facility by the State of California Dept. of Health Services, and is certified by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health to provide Mental Health services. IMCES is a community clinic, and a research and training organization. For twenty years, on an annual basis, IMCES helps approximately one thousand adults and children of all ethnic minority groups including refugees and immigrants to Los Angeles. As a non-profit, community-based organization IMCES has demonstrated expertise in providing culturally sensitive counseling and training. Clinicians serving at IMCES include psychologists, psychiatrists, marriage and family therapists, social workers, educators, attorneys, and interns for all the previous fields. A majority of the service providers speak at least one other language, including but not limited to: Spanish, Farsi, Russian, Armenian, Arabic, and Hebrew. Services provided include, Mental health counseling, Domestic violence counseling, Child Abuse counseling, Anger Management, Community based outreach programs direct to schools, shelters and people's homes.

Agency Mission /Objective: IMCES is committed to providing culturally competent and linguistically appropriate health, mental health, advocacy and support services to low-income children, adolescents, adults and families of diverse ethnic groups. IMCES goal is to reach, but is not limited to, those individuals with moderate to severe emotional disturbances and mental illnesses. These services are tailored to understanding not only the social and cultural barriers they may confront, but also the challenges related to child abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exploitation, domestic violence, substance abuse, developmental disability, homelessness, incarceration, at-risk for institutionalization, and threat of out-of-home placement.

Theoretical Orientation: behavioral, cognitive behavioral, psychodynamic/psychoanalytic, psychosocial rehab, systems, and transpersonal

Population: Children, Teens and Adults, of every SES, though often mid to lower economic level, with a wide range of racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds (Hispanic, African-American, Russian, Armenian, Persian).

Staff: Please list number of staff by degree/professional licenses

6 - Psychologists

4 - MFTs

Training and Education: IMCES's post-doctoral training objective is to provide interns experience applying evidence based mental health treatment interventions with a diverse population, consisting of a broad range of ages, races and cultures. Interns are involved at every level of possible treatment intervention, using the Biopsychosocial paradigm as a guide for health. They are guided in applying evidenced based mental health interventions. A team treatment approach is integrated with a focus on raising their level of cultural competency to proficient. Their supervision includes weekly meeting with supervisors as well as case consultations, case conferences, and didactic sessions on specific disorders, treatment approaches, and general mental health issues. Supervision includes face-to-face, case consultation, utilization of the DSM, Laws and Ethics, discussion of co-occurring disorders, psychological assessments (including testing), differential diagnosis, and medication education.

X- Cultural Training: As our clinic uses the word 'Multicultural' in its name, we emphasize this aspect of training. (1) Our trainees come from every corner of the world (Asia, Europe, South America) and (2) Our clients are also as diverse. On a weekly basis, all of our trainees receive both didactic and face-to-face supervision that directly promotes sensitivity, awareness and knowledge of the diverse populations they are coming in contact with.

PostDoc Responsibilities: Individual, family, couple, group therapy; Assessments, Psychological evaluations, Supervision of pre-doc interns, comprehensive supportive services and advocacy, QA & program evaluation participation.

Prerequisites: Prior training in intakes, experience with multiple age groups (children, adolescents, adults), experience dealing with severe mental illness, experience working with families, assessment, testing, trauma interventions, preference for experience with DMH documentation or with DCFS populations.

Application Procedures: Applicant should mail to IMCES a hard copy of CAPIC application (CUA), along with CV, letters of recommendation (up to three), official transcript, and letter of intent.

Application Deadline: open

Number of Applicants last year: 20

Additional Comments: