

Department of State Hospitals - Patton
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To Recreation Therapy Student Advisors:

This letter is to inform your university of a recreation therapy internship opportunity at Patton State Hospital. Patton State Hospital is a major forensic psychiatric hospital located in San Bernardino, California and is under the jurisdiction of the California Department of State Hospitals. Patton treats approximately 1500 patients who have been committed by the judicial system for mental health services. We currently employ 30 Recreation Therapists who work under the Rehabilitation Therapy Department along with Dance, Music, Art and Occupational Therapies.

The PSH Recreation Therapy Internship program is 16 weeks in duration with each cycle beginning on the 1st of the month. We accept one intern for the spring, summer and fall semesters. The deadline for applying for each of these internship periods are as follows: March 1st for a summer internship, May 1st for a fall internship, and September 1st for a winter/spring internship. RT Internship applications are available upon request. We are currently able to provide a paid internship and also offer affordable on grounds housing upon request.

Each Recreation Therapy Intern will be supervised by a NCTRC certified Recreation Therapist and will gain experience in following the care of patients on their supervisor's caseload. This will include the completion of assessments, progress notes and working in conjunction with an interdisciplinary team. Other assignments will include the development and the facilitation of group therapy sessions, planning and implementing a large group event, formulating a case study as well as completion of a special project.

If you have any questions regarding the facility or our internship program, please contact Katie McIntire or Stan Hyding at the below contact information.

For more information regarding Patton State Hospital, please visit the website <http://www.dsh.ca.gov/Patton/default.asp>

Thank You,

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