2025-2026 Clinical Mental Health Master's in Counseling Internship with DePaul Family and Community Services

About DePaul Family and Community Services:

DePaul Family and Community Services (FCS) is a behavioral health clinic located on DePaul's Lincoln Park campus in Chicago, IL. DePaul FCS provides comprehensive and quality behavioral health services to children, adolescents, and their families within the Chicagoland area and Chicago suburbs. DePaul FCS currently has partnerships within various schools and districts, which increase access to mental health services for children and their families. DePaul Family and Community Services' mission is to strengthen and empower families and communities through innovative, evidenced-based, community-oriented services and the training of culturally competent, socially responsible professionals.

Internship Program Description:

During the 2025-2026 academic school year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a practicum and internship placement for third-year Master's in Counseling students currently in the Clinical Mental Health concentration interested in working with children, adolescents, and families. This program will include clinical experience with providing individual, family, and group therapy at DePaul Family and Community Services' clinic and within a partnering Chicago Public School.

Student clinicians will gain clinical experience through conducting intake assessments, treatment planning, conceptualizing diagnoses, and providing individual, family, and group therapy. Student clinicians will learn how to write mental health assessments, create treatment plans, and document session progress notes to Illinois' Medicaid standards.

Student clinicians will receive individual and group supervision by a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor. Interns will have the opportunity to participate in weekly in-service trainings at DePaul FCS on Wednesdays from 10 am- 11am as well as a monthly School-Based Consultation from 12pm-1pm.

Requirements:

- Must have completed two years of the Master's in Counseling curriculum and educational training
- Able to commit 10 hours/week during practicum and 30 hours/week during internship

Contact:

DePaul Family and Community Services Training Coordinator: Dr. Victoria Doobay at vdoobay@depaul.edu or School Services Coordinator and Master's in Counseling Intern Clinical Supervisor: Lauren Trinca at ltrinca@depaul.edu

Process to Apply:

Complete the application: DePaul FCS Application

The application process will require uploading the following files:

- A cover letter clearly indicating your interest
- Your resume or curriculum vitae
- A writing sample (This can be a class paper, report, etc.)
- An official transcript OR a letter from your Internship Coordinator verifying enrollment and an unofficial transcript
- Letters of Recommendation
    - You will be asked to provide the names of two (2) letter writers. When you complete your application, an email will automatically be sent to your identified letter writers requesting them to make their submissions online. However, at the end of the application, you may also send each letter writer a link to upload their letter of recommendation.