

Field Experiences

Threshold Community Program welcomes counseling interns, student teachers and administrative interns during the Fall and Spring semesters. TCP invites colleges and universities to collaborate with our staff to train and nurture future counselors, educators and administrators.

As an intern or student teacher at TCP, you are here as part of your undergraduate or graduate education and we want you to get as much out of the experience as possible. Internships and Student Teaching are different from other educational activities in that you are actually embedded in the organization. TCP relies on you to provide essential services to its participants and families for the duration of the field experience.

Counseling Internships

What Types of Experiences does the Internship Provide?

As part of your internship you will gain skills and experience in the following areas:

- Individual and group counseling
- Treatment and Curriculum Planning
- Experiential work
- Group Co-Facilitation and Collaboration
- Participation in a therapeutic school atmosphere
- Clinical Note-taking
- Consultations and Referrals
- Affinities-based counseling work
- Providing therapeutic support in the classroom
- Caregiver Support groups and Family Support
- Intake assessments
- Working on a team and working for a boss

How Long is the Commitment?

Most counseling interns generally work 3 days during practicum and 4 days during internship (or equivalent hours). We ask interns to stay for the duration of our program year to provide continuity and closure for students and participants.

Who Will be my Supervisor?

For counselor interns, your on-site Clinical Supervisor will be Dave Nelson or Beth Champ.

How Will I be Supported?

In addition to supervision, TCP has an innovative Intern Mentorship Program. The program helps interns adapt to the workplace culture, provides learning and networking opportunities, and supports interns in balancing the overall graduate experience. Interns will work closely with staff that completed their internship at TCP and can provide personal insight into their experiences. Mentors are tasked with answering general questions, advising you on how to best address interactions and concerns, and helping you successfully navigate through the year.

Student Teacher Field Placements

What Types of Experiences does the Field Placement Provide?

As part of your internship you will gain skills and experience in the following areas:

- Support academic, affinities, transition, social-emotional, and wellness classes
- Adapted curricula for individual students and small groups
- Academic intervention training in reading and mathematics
- Training in social-emotional curricula, DIR/Floortime
- Weekly lesson planning
- Documentation of daily activities and family communication
- Training in assessments and progress monitoring
- Outdoor recreation curricula (weekly)
- Participation in individualized support planning and family conferences

How Long is the Commitment?

TCP runs on a semester schedule. We ask that teaching interns begin and end their internship at the start and finish of each semester.

Who Will be my Mentor Teacher?

Student teachers are supervised by experienced, masters level special education teachers.

Administrative Internships

What Types of Experiences does the Internship Provide?

As part of your internship you will gain skills and experience in the following areas:

- Nonprofit Administration
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing and Research
- Marketing and Social Media
- Management of Donor Database
- General Administrative Tasks

How Long is the Commitment?

Interns should be willing to commit five (5) hours per week. We ask interns to stay for the duration of our program year to provide continuity and closure for all.

Who Will be my Supervisor?

For administrative interns, your on-site supervisor will be a member of the Administrative team.