



First-Year MSW Nuestro Josselyn Internship

Internship Description

The MSW Clinical Intern I – Nuestro Josselyn position is a first-year MSW foundation internship that introduces students to generalist social work practice in a creative, school-based mental health setting. This placement meets MSW foundation-year core competency requirements by emphasizing ethical practice, engagement, cultural responsiveness, group work, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professional identity development. Interns learn through observation, guided participation, and reflective supervision within a structured and supportive learning environment.

Program Overview

Nuestro Josselyn is an after-school mental health and wellness program serving elementary and middle school students. Programming integrates art therapy-informed approaches and social-emotional learning (SEL) group interventions to support emotional awareness, coping skills, communication, identity development, and personal growth. Services are delivered in collaboration with schools and families to promote access to community-based mental health support.

Learning Activities and Responsibilities

Under the supervision of licensed clinicians and master's-level art therapists, interns participate in group-based programming and develop foundational engagement skills. Responsibilities include:

- Building rapport with children through art, play, and developmentally appropriate activities
- Supporting SEL-focused after-school groups addressing emotional expression, coping skills, relationships, and growth
- Co-facilitating structured group routines alongside clinical and art therapy staff
- Maintaining a safe, inclusive, and emotionally supportive group environment
- Responding to emotional and behavioral needs using trauma-informed, strengths-based approaches

Interns do not carry individual caseloads or provide independent clinical services. Learning is grounded in observation, supported participation, and reflection on professional roles and boundaries.

**Supervision and Professional Development**

Interns receive weekly clinical supervision with a licensed social worker and can participate in a weekly administrative group alongside second-year MSW interns. Ongoing modeling, feedback, and interdisciplinary collaboration support reflective learning, ethical practice, and skill development.

Educational Outcomes

Nuestro Josselyn is an ideal foundation-year placement for MSW students interested in school-based practice, group work, and child and adolescent mental health. Interns develop confidence, cultural humility, and a strong professional foundation while meeting MSW foundation-year core competency requirements and clarifying their emerging social work identity.