

2024-2025 MSW Externship with Children and Adolescents at DePaul Family and Community Services

About DePaul FCS:

DePaul Family and Community Services strengthens and empowers families and communities through innovative, evidenced-based, community-oriented services and the training of culturally competent, socially responsible professionals. FCS provides comprehensive and quality behavioral health services to children, adolescents, their families, and their communities. Located on DePaul University's Lincoln Park campus in Chicago, FCS serves families who live in Lincoln Park, other Chicago and Chicagoland areas, and existing partnerships with neighboring Chicago Public Schools.

Externship Program Description:

During the 2024-2025 academic school year, DePaul Family and Community Services will offer a practicum placement for MSW second- year/ advanced- standing graduate students interested in working with children and adolescent populations. This program will include clinical experience with providing individual and family therapy at a Chicago Public School and DePaul Family and Community Services. Some common areas for treatment include depression, anxiety, chronic stress and trauma.

MSW student externs will have the opportunity to gain experience conducting mental health assessments, conceptualizing diagnoses, and providing individual and family therapy. Spanish- speaking externs are *strongly encouraged* to apply.

Externs receive individual supervision by a bilingual Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and group supervision in English. Spanish group consultation is available dependent upon the number of Spanish-speaking externs for the year. Externs will have the opportunity to participate in weekly in-service trainings at DePaul FCS, scheduled on Wednesdays from 10 AM- 11 AM.

Requirements:

- Must have completed first- year MSW practicum placement
- 20 hour/ week commitment with one day designated to being onsite at a Chicago Public School and flexibility with the remainder of the hours at DePaul FCS

Preferred Background:

- Spanish language fluency

Contact:

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Process to Apply:

Apply via https://depaul.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78QLbiB4ycybVwF. Emailed applications will not be accepted.

The application process will require upload of the following files:

- A cover letter clearly indicating your interest and fit to one of the specific externship opportunities.
- Your resume or curriculum vitae
- A writing sample (i.e., a therapeutic report or summary)
- An official graduate 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.