



# Psychology Internship Experiences at USF



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## Courses Offered

1. Community Practicum in Mental Health: CLP 4941
  - Instructor: Dr. Vicky Phares [phares@usf.edu](mailto:phares@usf.edu)
  - Fall, Spring, and Summer Semesters
  - Credits (Graded):
    - 3 credits (for 8 hours/week at the internship including one hour of on-site supervision plus one hour class meetings)
2. Community Internship: IDS 4942
  - Instructor: Dr. Vicky Phares [phares@usf.edu](mailto:phares@usf.edu)
  - Offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer
  - Credits (Pass/Fail):
    - 1 credit (for 3+ hours/week at the internship)
    - 2 credits (for 4+ hours/week at the internship)
    - 3 credits (for 8+ hours/week at the internship)
    - 4 credits (for 11+ hours/week at the internship)

## Our Purpose

Undergraduate students are assigned to a community agency for 100 hours across the semester. Interns will gain clinical experience, establish professional connections with community partners, and provide service for community agencies and mental health clients in the Tampa Bay area.

## What Student Interns Are Saying!

**CRISIS TEXT LINE |**

"My internship with the Crisis Text Line has been scary, challenging, and incredibly rewarding. Doing something so far out of my comfort zone has pushed me to find confidence in my abilities, trust in myself and my leadership abilities."

"My experience from my internship has helped me figure out what I want to do for my career and has given me the skills and knowledge to work in the ABA field. I have learned a lot about patience, team building, and professionalism."



"Since interning with the Tampa Refugee Task Force, I've had a much better understanding of the refugee situation in our country, and I am very honored to be able to help refugee families as they try to establish roots in the United States. I've been able to make connections with many professionals and it's been an overall great experience."

"My experience so far has been very insightful and helpful in preparing me for work that I want to do as a career. Additionally, as I plan to apply to graduate school, this experience is opening doors to make new connections and add higher-level experience that will be beneficial to the application process."

## Additional Resources

### On Campus Resources

- USF Career Services**
- Career consultants
  - Job search (Handshake)
  - Internships

### USF Human Resources

Jobs at USF are for students, alumni, and the public.



### Online Resources



## Current Partnerships

- Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACT's)
- Bay Area Neuropsychology
- Centerstone Research Institute
- Champions for Children
- Clean Recovery Centers
- Compassionate Contact Corps
- Cove Behavioral Health
- Crisis Text Line
- DCF Adult Protective Services
- Early Childhood Council
- Gracepoint (formerly Mental Health Care)
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Health Buddies
- Hillsborough Clerk of Courts
- Kindness of the Heart
- Kumon
- Metropolitan Ministries
- Rogers Behavioral Health Care
- Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force
- Tampa General Hospital
- Trevor Project
- USF Bridge Clinic
- USF Interdisciplinary Center for Evaluation and Intervention
- USF Preschool for Creative Learning
- USF Title IX
- USF Victims Advocacy