



## **Become a Practicum/Internship Site Placement Partner with Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School**

### **About Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School**

Hazelden Betty Ford Graduate School (HBFGS) sets the standard in quality by offering master's degree programs that prepare students for a career as an addiction and mental health counselor. Both of our addiction counseling programs (Hybrid and Online) are grounded in evidence-based integrated care for substance use and co-occurring disorders. HBFGS is accredited by CACREP with the specialty area of Addiction Counseling.

### **Become a Practicum or Internship Site Partner**

Sites must have an Affiliation Agreement on file with HBFGS before a student can be present at that site as an intern or practicum student. For more information on completing this process, please contact our Training Director at:  
[trainingdirector@hazeldenbettyford.edu](mailto:trainingdirector@hazeldenbettyford.edu).

### **Overview of Practicum and Internship Experiences**

Field placement courses (Practicum and Internship) span the entire duration of the academic semester (15 weeks). Students are expected to determine a schedule with their site supervisor prior to the start of the semester and be prepared to start at their placement site as early as the first week of the semester.

**Practicum** is the first experiential training component of field experience. The intention of practicum is to provide an opportunity for students to orient themselves to professional practice and begin working directly with clients/patients while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner.

*Total hours: 100 (at least 40 of which are in direct client service)*

*Average weekly site hours: 6-8*

**Internships 1 and 2** are completed after the student has fulfilled the practicum requirements. The intention of internship is to build on the foundational experience of practicum and synthesize knowledge, skills and dispositions as a competent and confident counseling professional.

*Minimum total hours for each Internship: 300 (at least 120 of which are in direct client service)*

*Average weekly site hours for each Internship: 19-20*

*Note: Recommended additional hours may vary, depending on state licensure/credentialing requirements.*

**We welcome your partnership with us and appreciate your interest in hosting a practicum or internship student.** For more information on completing this process, please contact our Training Director at: [trainingdirector@hazeldenbettyford.edu](mailto:trainingdirector@hazeldenbettyford.edu).