



Internship Opportunities

In addition to ACU's on-site Marriage and Family Institute, several off-site internships are also available. A brief description of each site follows.

The Marriage and Family Institute (MFI) – The MFI is a fully functioning, professional mental health clinic located within the MFT program at ACU.

Ministry of Counseling and Enrichment (MOCE) – The MOCE is a nonprofit counseling center located in downtown Abilene and associated with First Baptist Church of Abilene. Approximately 10 professionally licensed therapists practice full- or part-time at MOCE. ACU interns provide therapy to clients who are uninsured and/or cannot afford to pay the full fee for licensed therapists.

Medical and Counseling Care Center (MaCCC) – The MaCCC is located on the campus of ACU and provides therapy to ACU students, faculty, and staff. MFT interns who are particularly interested in working with the college-age population will gain valuable experience at this placement. In addition to providing individual counseling to students, interns also have the opportunity to participate in group therapy focused on developmental issues that affect college students such as eating disorders, body image, sexual/pornography addiction, and others.

FaithWorks of Abilene – FaithWorks is a nonprofit agency that provides job training to the under-employed of Abilene. FaithWorks is a holistic program that incorporates the spiritual, interpersonal, and intrapersonal in addition to the professional factors of successful employment. MFT interns provide two hours of weekly group therapy to FaithWorks students.

Abilene Hope Haven, Inc. – Hope Haven is a transitional housing program for those who are currently homeless. If accepted into the program, Hope Haven residents are able to live at the facility for up to one year as long as they are working and maintain sobriety. Hope Haven has two separate facilities, one for families and one for individuals. MFT interns provide in-home therapy to couples, families, and individuals who are residing at Hope Haven.

King David's Kids (KDK) – KDK is a nonprofit program associated with Pioneer Drive Baptist Church that seeks to provide support and services to families with children who have been diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorders. MFT interns provide weekly supportive group therapy to the siblings of children who have been diagnosed with a PDD.

Communities in Schools (CIS) – CIS is a local non-profit whose mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. MFT interns provide group and individual therapy to at-risk children on their school campuses.

Hendrick Home for Children – The mission of Hendrick Home for Children is to raise children in a safe and loving Christian environment. The Basic Care program provides group housing for children between the ages of 5 and 15. MFT interns provide weekly play therapy and group therapy for these children and their caretakers.

Texas Family Institute (TFI) – TFI is a non-profit counseling center providing therapy to individuals, couples, families, and children. This internship provides MFT interns with the opportunity to work with clients mandated for anger management as well as substance abuse.



Abilene Transition Center (ATC) – The ATC is a “one-stop shop” that offers case management, counseling, housing, employment placement, educational support, and life skills training to struggling young adults. MFT interns placed at the Center provide individual and family counseling for young adults and their families being served by the ATC.

Shades of Hope – Shades of Hope is a residential and extended care all-addictions treatment center specializing in the treatment of eating disorders and co-occurring addictions. MFT interns assist clients by providing group and individual counseling.