

Internship Eligibility

Class Standing

2nd, 3rd or 4th year standing for Academic Year (AY) 2026-2027

Major or Minor

Preferably, in the Social Sciences or Public Health

Enrollment

PSY 192: Internship in Psychology, taken Fall & Spring semesters for 3 units each semester

Time Commitment

11 hours weekly, training on-site
1 hour weekly, in zoom classroom (excluding holidays/breaks)

Application Deadline

March 30, 2026 @ 11:59 PM

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Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Merced County (BHRS) provides UC Merced undergraduate students with hands-on clinical experience to enhance professional development and grow the future behavioral health workforce.



Frequently Asked Questions

What would I do as an MIP intern?

MIP interns shadow behavioral health professionals, work with clients, go into the field, attend trainings, and more.

Who would I work with?

Interns will work with 1 of 3 populations; children, adults, or those who experience substance use disorders. Placement is based on preference and previous experience(s).

What would I do in PSY 192?

Students will meet once a week to discuss the experiences they had via Zoom. They will also be assigned readings relevant to those experiences and take weekly quizzes based on them.

Is there compensation?

MIP is an unpaid internship - compensation is provided in the form of 3 units.

What is the difference between mental and behavioral health?

Behavioral health, simply put, is mental health services in tandem with substance abuse services, i.e., mental health issues that cause substance abuse or vice versa.

MIP Interns' Accomplishments

Behavioral Health Workforce Conference (BHWC) | 2024 & 2025

In April, 2024 & 2025, the MIP interns hosted a conference open to all SSHA students to connect them with local organizations working in mental health. Students had the opportunity to make connections, speak 1:1 with employers and staff, and learn about the different divisions and programs at BHRS. Over 250 students and 10 programs/agencies attended the BHWC, garnering positive impressions from students and employers alike.



Round 2 prepping goodie bags for the attendants of the BHWC



Round 2 together for a final time before the start of the BHWC

Cumulative Reach/Caseload | 2023 - 2025

From August, 2023 to May, 2025, MIP interns provided services to over 200 individual clients at BHRS. These clients faced an assortment of mental health and substance abuse issues that affected their daily functioning and quality of life. MIP interns worked in tandem with the BHRS mentors to provide case management, individual and group rehabilitation, drug testing, and many other services to these clients, providing a positive impact in Merced's community.