

ConnectGround Clinic Student Intern Application Process

This document should be read in conjunction with the letter of invitation to apply for ConnectGround that outlines the model, expectations and costs.

Prerequisites

- Successfully completed 2nd year
- Be assessed as ready to begin to 'work with clients' under supervision.
- To have professional indemnity insurance and a copy of the certificate on file at GTA
- Have a current Working with Children Check and Police check
- To be fully available for a 4.5 hour shift either on Thursday or Friday
- To be available to attend the professional practice training and additional training as required
- To be available to attend fortnightly group supervision sessions
- To be available for the full year of the clinic (aprox. 43 weeks)
- To attend fortnightly individual supervision with the Senior Therapist, Nicole Van Os, for the duration of the student internship
- Be fully up to date with current assessments (unless a formal extension has been agreed to) and all fee payments to GTA.

The Selection Process

Step 1: Written Application

Please submit to Carolyn Stewart at manager@connectground.com.au.

1. A full resume
2. A brief statement about your current experience as a counsellor / psychotherapist. You may want to reference relevant study, work or volunteer activities.
3. Write a brief statement about your strengths and growing edges as a trainee therapist.
4. Write a statement of 3 learning goals that you have in relation to your desire to participate in an internship. Also describe any supports and challenges that are relevant to these goals.
5. Anything that you need to tell us that might influence your capacity to practice as a student intern at ConnectGround eg: upcoming leave planned
6. A statement of your availability, preferred shift times and possible obstacles to full participation in an internship.

Step 2: Interview and Referee check

After applications are received you will be invited to an interview with the ConnectGround Manager.

The interviewer will expect that candidates demonstrate:

- (a) A high level of self awareness and a capacity to articulate something of their developmental process around working with clients
- (b) A personal and theoretical congruence with gestalt therapeutic practice goals and the clinic ethos
- (c) A capacity to articulate their approach to working with clients
- (d) A willingness to participate in rigorous dialogue about their developing practice

You will be asked to nominate one of your current course facilitator's to provide a reference regarding your level of skill and readiness for taking up a place in the clinic.

Step Three: offer of placement and feedback

At the conclusion of this process you will be contacted and offered an internship to start on an agreed upon date or advised that you will not be offered a placement at this stage. In addition to your readiness to practice, the needs of ConnectGround (gender balance etc) will also be considered in the selection process.

Step Four: Accepting a student internship

Internship fees are \$550 (inc GST) per term/ \$2200 (inc GST) for 12 months. On average, students will spend between 12-18 months in the clinic accumulating their client contact hours.

Individual Supervision: All student interns are required to attend **fortnightly** individual supervision with the Senior Therapist, Nicole Van Os, at a cost of \$100 per session for the duration of their internship.

If you are not offered an internship you will be provided with feedback or you may request feedback from the Clinic Manager at a later date.

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