Where: Alabama, Statewide

Description: The Alabama Department of Mental Health, Office of Deaf Services operates a full continuum of care across the state. Practicum participants here will be exposed to a wide variety of environments that can range from long-term hospital care to brief outpatient therapy. Work will be at our state operated inpatient program, contracted group homes and community mental health centers. Depending on the supervisor, base of operations will be Montgomery, Tuscaloosa or Huntsville.

Prerequisites: In addition to MHIT required paperwork, candidate will be required to enter a contract agreement with the State of Alabama.

Costs: No fees are charged for practicum supervision. Travel arrangements to Alabama are the candidates’ responsibility. Candidates will be expected to secure their own room and board and will be expected to provide their own transportation.

Contact: practicum@mhit.org

Where: South Carolina Statewide, primarily based in Greenville-Spartanburg

Description: The SC Department of Mental Health’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program is a state-wide program serving the severe and chronically mentally ill. Practicum work may be done at any of our 17 community-based outpatient mental health centers, short term inpatient hospitals, a substance abuse treatment facility, and a forensics program. The majority of practicum work is done in the Greenville/Spartanburg area, with a portion completed in Columbia.
**Prerequisites:** Due to the fact that we are a state agency, there is a lot of paperwork required prior to practicum participation. Participants are required to provide proof of liability insurance, RID certification, and vaccination records.

**Costs:** No payment is necessary for practicum supervision. Participants will be expected to secure their own room and board and will be expected to provide their own transportation (potentially up to 2 hours in a day). Participants will be required to find and pay for any testing center costs if approved for written portion of the QMHI process.

**Contact:** nicole.kulick@scdmh.org

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**Where:** Milwaukee, WI

**Description:** Practicum is based with an interpreting agency. Must be comfortable driving and going to a wide variety of settings throughout the State. Hours will vary daily and may include night assignments. Practicum interpreter will work with and observe a wide variety of “Q” interpreters.

On-site time commitment: 2 weeks (specific times are designated by practicum site. Times are reserved on a first come, first serve basis)

Prerequisites: Must qualify for and purchase a WI interpreting license https://dps.wi.gov/Pages/Professions/SignLanguageInterpreter/default.aspx

Additional paperwork, background checks and vaccinations (TB and Flu) may be required

Cost: $1,000 for supervision + travel and lodging costs; testing center costs if approved for written portion of the QMHI process.

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**Where:** Twin Cities, Minnesota

**Supervisor:** Bridget Sabatke

**Description:** Minnesota’s practicum is based out of an agency. There are opportunities for addiction and recovery work in both inpatient and outpatient settings. There are also sites in department of corrections, outpatient treatment, group homes, and high security inpatient facilities.

On-site time commitment: It can take between 1-3 months to complete the practicum hours at that site depending on your availability and the availability of work at that time

Prerequisites: In order to participate in Minnesota, you have to complete the following requirements:

- RID/NAD Certification
- Liability insurance
- TB test in the previous year
- Flu shot in the most recent flu season
- Proof of MMR immunity
- Proof of Hep B vaccination or declination form
- Various online trainings for local hospital systems

**Cost:** There is no charge for supervision at this time. If approved for testing, participants are responsible to find a testing center and pay any costs related to testing.

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**Where:** PAHrtners Deaf Services. Glenside, PA (just outside of the Philadelphia area)

**Supervisor:** Denise D’Antonio

**Description:** PAHrtners Deaf Services, a leading provider of Mental Health services for the Greater Philadelphia Area specializing in Psychiatric, Children/Adult Case Management, Residential and Outpatient Services. PAHrtners services hundreds of Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons within the various programs.

**On-Site Time Commitment:** It can take anywhere between 1-3 months to complete the practicum hours at this site depending on your availability and the availability of work at that time.

**Prerequisites:** In order to participate at PAHrtners Deaf Services, you will have to complete the following requirements:

- RID/NAD Certification
- ODHH PA Registration

The following must be done for PA state only and must be dated less than one year of practicum

- Criminal Background Check
- Child Abuse Clearance
- FBI Fingerprinting

The following must be done no more than 30 days prior to practicum

- TB Test

**Cost:** No fees are charged for practicum supervision. Travel arrangements to Philadelphia/Glenside area are the candidates’ responsibility. Participants will be required to find and pay for any testing center costs if approved for the written portion of the QMHI process.

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