Austin State Supported Living Center is home to individuals with developmental disabilities needing 24-hour supervision and care.

The Behavioral Services Department is seeking practicum students and interns to assist in the delivery of quality services. Students and Interns may take advantage of one of three tracks:

- Counseling
- General Psychology
- Behavior Analysis

Do you need a practicum or internship site?

Gain experience here

The work can be challenging and rewarding.

Contact Information

For general questions about the site or to get started on your counseling hours
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All practicum students or interns must complete a Volunteer Application which can be done online at http://www.dads.state.tx.us/volunteer/stateschools/index.html#application

NOTE: The application process includes fingerprinting, online training, and review by Volunteer Services which may take up to 4 weeks. So, please be expeditious.

Employment Opportunities for Associate Psychologists, Licensed Psychologists, Behavior Analysts, and Psychological Assistants are also available. For more details, go to http://www.dads.state.tx.us/employment/howtoapply.html

The Behavioral Services Department invites you to experience the challenge and reward of working with individuals with developmental disabilities.
Under the statutory authority of the Department of Aging and Disability Service (DADS), Austin State Supported Living Center (AuSSLC) is a residential facility which provides essential 24-hour supervision and care to individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities as well as psychiatric conditions, physical disabilities, and/or medical conditions.

The mission is to enable the people that we serve to continuously advance the quality and independence of their lives. The following goals have been adopted in effort to promote independence and well-being:

- develop and implement individual plans of habilitation
- assure receipt of identified services in least restrictive environment services
- provide medical, healthcare, habilitative services
- provide residential services respectfully with consideration of safety, training, cultural, social, and individual needs
- work cooperatively with other departments and agencies in service delivery to ensure service provision

What role does the Behavioral Services Department play?

The department is comprised of these positions:

- Behavior Analysts
- Associate Psychologists and Psychologists
- Psychological Assistants
- Department Educator
- Counselor

Despite the difference in title and duties, the Behavioral Services Department, as a whole, strives to ensure that psychological and behavioral services provided to individuals residing at AUSSLC promote growth, development, and independence of all individuals; minimize regression and loss of skills; and ensure safety, security and freedom from undue use of restraint.

The department contributes by performing the following tasks:

- On-call crisis support
- Staff training on basics of applied behavioral analysis
- Development, implementation, evaluation of individual behavior support plans
- Individual and group counseling
- Participate with review of psychotropic medication
- Data collection and tracking
- Psychological and behavioral assessments

What role can students or interns play?

Practicum students and interns may begin at any time with a commitment of 8-10 hours per week and the completion of the volunteer application and training process. On-site supervision will be provided.

Generally, students and interns will be expected to develop and implement special projects, provide some staff training and consultation, assist psych department staff, and maintain documentation.

Specific opportunities depend on one’s areas of interest. Currently, three “tracks” are offered:

- Counseling
- General Psychology
- Behavior Analysis