

Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative Internship

College to County Intern 2025 - Behavioral Health Division & Aging
Disability Veteran Services Division, Older Adult Behavioral Health Team

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2025 - Starting in June - 12 weeks

Hours: 20 - 40 hours a week

Telework: *Hybrid*

Building Physical Location: 209 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency: For this position you'll need a vehicle, in order to meet clients and complete outreach (in partnership with the APS Risk Case Manager). Meetings will occur throughout Multnomah County.

TriMet Passes are available if transportation to County facilities is required.

Eligibility requirements and more details found on our [College to County website](#).

What Does Behavioral Health APS Do?

[Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative](#) team is tasked with improving the supports and outcomes for older adults with behavioral health needs. We work toward this goal by providing trainings to professionals, engaging in community workshops and other outreach, providing complex case consultation, and creating special projects. Our work varies from day to day, as well with the season.

Some of our current work includes providing Older Adult Mental Health First Aid to the community, planning a Motivational Interviewing Learning Intensive for county staff, developing a specialty training series for Adult Care Home providers, and supporting/attending the county's Death Cafes for Professionals.

Internship Description & Responsibilities:

- *Begin to plan December Loneliness event or alternative in person service provider networking event*
- *In partnership with the Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialists improve content of current work:*
 - *Improve outreach documents, including template for common email questions, list of trainings offered*
 - *Improve trainings with review, updates of data, creation of accompanying worksheets*
- *Improve organization and access of current work:*
 - *Maintain an up to date spreadsheet of clients supported through complex case consultation*
 - *Assist in maintaining community partnership databases*
 - *Centralize all team information regarding local training spaces and supplies*
- *Support virtual and in-person trainings on topics related to older adult behavioral health*
- *Participate in multidisciplinary team meetings*
- *Other projects as opportunity & interest arise*

Learning Outcomes:

- *Gain experience identifying the team for complex case meetings, and assessing the needs of an individual who may be receiving services from several different systems*
- *Develop an understanding of Behavioral Health Services and Aging*

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- Gain valuable applied experience and make connections in professional fields you are considering for career paths.
- Connect with individuals and systems who are dedicated to serving the most vulnerable individuals & communities

Education and Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution.
- Promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))
- Experience or comfort with community outreach, including in situations that require verbal de-escalation.
- Ability to communicate with customers and team members via phone, email, or in person
- Ability to work cooperatively and develop effective working relationships with diverse work groups.
- Ability to collaborate, follow directions and work independently.
- Familiarity with Google Suite (e.g., Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Drive, Docs, and Slides).

Workforce Equity:

Our Commitment to Safety, Trust and Belonging: Multnomah County is committed to developing, nurturing and continually improving workforce equity by identifying and addressing the structural and policy barriers to equal employment opportunity faced by our employees and communities. Learn more by reading our [Workforce Equity Strategic Plan](#) and exploring our [Core Competencies](#) for all County employees.

Veterans' Preference:

Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference for this recruitment. Review our [veterans' preference website](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

For veterans qualified for Veterans' Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out and submit an application for this position through the form also located on this [website](#). The deadline for submitting an online application is April 15th, 2025.