

APPLICATION FOR AN EXTERNAL GRADUATE INTERNSHIP AT CONNECTGROUND CLINIC

Name.....

Postal Address.....Postcode:

PhoneEmail

Occupation:

Current Employment:

External Graduate Intern Role

Prerequisites

- Successfully completed a relevant counselling or psychotherapy training program (Eg: Masters of Counselling, Degree in Counselling, Graduate Diploma in Counselling, Psychology etc)
- Knowledge of clinical theory and a capacity for clinical thinking and practice
- Contact details of a professional referee who can comment on your capacity to work with clients under supervision
- Have a current Working with Children Check and a Police Records Check
- To have secured professional indemnity insurance
- To be fully available for a 4.5 hour shift either on Thursday or Friday
- To be available to attend the professional development training and additional training as required
- To be available to attend monthly clinic meetings and group supervision sessions
- To be available for the full year of the clinic (aprox. 43 weeks)
- To attend 20 hours of supervision over the course of the internship
- External Graduate interns will be expected to make themselves available for fortnightly group supervision as scheduled.

The Application & Selection Process

Step 1: Written Application Please submit to Carolyn Stewart (Manager of Clinical Services) 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 graduate 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.
7. A brief outline of a possible therapeutic plan for working with the case study below to discuss at the interview:

“Susan, aged 34, has just come out of a 4-year relationship that was ended by her partner. The end of the relationship has evoked anxiety and depression and fear that she will never find another partner. She is acutely aware of her biological clock and had thought that her ex-partner would be the father of her children.”

Step 2: Interview and Referee check

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

At the interview you will be asked to briefly outline a therapeutic plan for working with the case study above.

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

References

You will be asked to nominate one of your course facilitator's or a placement supervisor 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 at an agreed upon date or advised that you will not be offered an internship at



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this stage. If you are not offered a place in the clinic we will offer feedback regarding our decision and identify any areas of development.

In addition to your readiness to practice, the needs of ConnectGround (gender balance etc) will also be considered in the selection process.

We look forward to receiving your application

Carolyn Stewart
ConnectGround Manager of Clinical Services
E: manager@connectground.com.au

Attach this information to the application form with the application fee and post or email to:

ConnectGround Clinic PO Box 60, Brunswick West, Victoria 3055 or email to manager@connectground.com.au

Signed:Date:

