Locating Counseling Field Experience Sites

Walden University Career Services Center
http://careercenter.waldenu.edu
Be Prepared Before You Begin

- Do you know your Field Experience requirements and timelines?
  Visit the School of Counseling Field Experience page to learn more:
  https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/soc

- Have you maximized Walden Career Services’ Resources for Field Experience students?
  Visit the Career Services Resources for Field Experience page to learn more:
  http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/careerresources

- Did you use OptimalResume to create your cover letter, resume, and career portfolio?
  Visit the OptimalResume page to learn more:
  https://waldenu.optimalresume.com/
Search Sites

- Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator
  Visit https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/

- Psychology Today’s Find a Therapist Search
  Visit https://www.psychologytoday.com/
Accreditation and Quality Search Sites

- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities - Provider Search
  http://carf.org/providerSearch.aspx

- Council on Accreditation - Who is Accredited Search
  http://coanet.org/accreditation/who-is-accredited/who-is-accredited-search/

- Joint Commission-Quality Check Search
  https://www.qualitycheck.org/
Field Site Lists

Central Office of Field Experience Field Site Lists

COFE Field Site Lists

The Central Office of Field Experience (COFE) Field Site Lists are lists of sites at which previous Walden students have completed field experiences. There are lists for each of Walden's programs with field experience requirements - the School of Counseling list is a great place to start, but you can also look at lists for related programs, such as Psychology and Social Work, for ideas as well.

We are hopeful that these sites provide you with multiple field site options; however, this list should not be viewed as an exhaustive list of all field site locations available in your area. We encourage you to continue to seek out additional opportunities in your community that are not listed here. Additionally, please be aware that these sites cannot be guaranteed as future placements for our students, as availability and appropriateness for a given student's program may vary.

The COFE Field Site Lists are available only to Walden students. You will be prompted to enter your MyWalden credentials to access this website.

https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/soc/masters/site/identifying/COFELists
Networking Strategies

• Talk with people in your community
• Volunteer
• Meet with clergy (if you are a person of faith)
• Community events
• Engage in professional associations
• Network with fellow students in your area

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Additional Ideas

• Salvation Army
• YMCA/YWCA
• Boys and Girls Clubs
• Community Centers with counseling services
• Prisons and Juvenile Detention Centers
• Domestic Violence counseling
• Hospice and palliative care
• Churches
• Schools
• Dual diagnostic counseling services

*Note that not all sites will meet program requirements. Be sure you review the requirements beforehand.
Final Thoughts

• Expand your search geographically.
• Maximize each potential field site opportunity!
• Keep track of your field site research.
  – https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/soc/masters/site/identifying/contactrecord
Career Services Resources for Field Experience

Gain Resume and Cover Letter Tips, Find a Field Site, Leverage Networking, and Ace the Interview!

http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/careerresources
Career Services Resources for Counseling

Counseling, Social Work, and Human Services

General Resources
- American Counseling Association
- Association for Counselor Education and Supervision
- Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator
- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities: Provider Search
- Council on Accreditation - Who is Accredited Search
- Joint Commission Quality Check Search
- National Board for Certified Counselors
- Psychology Today’s Find a Therapist Search

- Psychology and Counseling Career Guide
  Walden University Psychology and Counseling Career Guide

Career
- National Association of Colleges and Employers
- National Career Development Association
OptimalResume

Build Resumes, Cover Letters, and Career Portfolios; and Practice Interview Skills

https://waldenu.optimalresume.com
School of Counseling Field Experience

Field Experience Requirements and Resources

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