



Greetings from Drs. Warren Miller and Aswood Bousseau, and thank you for allowing us to send in this information.

Below, you will find information about our new program and our request from the partners with CTC.

The Rhode Island College School of Social Work has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to launch the *Rhode Island Integrated Substance and Opioid Use Intervention Education* (RIISOIE) Project. The award will be used to increase the number of Master's level social workers who graduate from the RICSSW and pursue clinical and community-based work in integrated settings with a particular focus on the provision of quality and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.

RIISOIE has four primary goals: 1) Add 45 masters-level social workers to the state's behavioral health workforce by 2022; 2) Train 45 M.S.W. clinical students who have the competency to provide behavioral health services in a team-based integrated setting in medically underserved areas, specifically related to SUD treatment; 3) Train 45 M.S.W. clinical students, faculty liaisons, and field site partners on the benefits of telebehavioral health services by 2022; and 4) Establish new partnerships between the RIC School of Social Work and agencies that provide SUD prevention, treatment and recovery services, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT), in high-need and high-demand areas.

We need to place up to 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> year clinical MSW students in agencies that treat co-occurring issues with a focus on SUD and MAT prevention, recovery, and treatment services. The commitment would start in May 2020 and go until May 2021.

- Students will be placed during the summer for 12-16 hours a week for 10 weeks. During fall and spring, students will be placed for 12-16 hours a week.
- Students require supervision from an onsite or offsite MSW supervisor at least 1 hour a week.
- Any authorized personnel can supervise students for everyday tasks work in an agency.
- If no MSW supervisor is available, we can potentially arrange for an offsite supervisor or potentially provide a small stipend to a current MSW supervisor at an agency that can supervise the entire student unit (the # of students).

If you have any questions about the program and the process, please do not hesitate to contact us. If an agency is interested in accepting students, please contact us so we can arrange a time to talk about the next steps. There is a deadline to begin to placing students by the end of **April 2020 (includes the time it takes to onboard to an agency, interview, and complete background checks as appropriate).**

Again, thanks for your time, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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