

Externship Tracks/Sites:

1. Early Childhood Track

Placement: Externs will work at the Head Start program, which serves three to five year old children, during the day, and then will have the opportunity to work with older children from other Phipps programs in the afternoons. Children attend the Phipps Head Start program five days per week. This allows externs to have a consistent training experience without the difficulties of regular attendance for psychotherapy that is often a concern in out-patient facilities.

Location: Phipps Head Start is located at 921 East 180th Street, in the West Farms section of the Bronx, easily accessible by the #2 and #5 trains (East Tremont Avenue/West Farms Square stop).

The Phipps Head Start Program is a licensed Head Start and NAEYC accredited pre-school program, serving three to five year old students. There are five classrooms, as well as additional services provided by a speech/language pathologist, occupational therapist, and special educator. There is active parent involvement in this program as well. Externs will have the opportunity to have twice weekly individual child therapy cases, small groups, classroom consultation, evaluation, and parent guidance.

Other Phipps programs for older children provide recreational programming for school-aged youth during after-school hours. Externs may be able to provide individual therapy and evaluation for older children from these programs as well.

For externs interested in receiving specialized training in early childhood and child work, as well as some school-based experience, this is an ideal track.

2. Elementary School Track

Placement: Externs will work at the CAPS (Community Achievement Project in the Schools) Program at P.S. 93, which serves elementary school students. The CAPS Program is a Phipps program housed within a public school setting. This program was designed to focus on identifying and working with students who are at risk, working to prevent attendance problems and future school drop-out.

Location: The CAPS Program at P.S. 93 is located at 1535 Story Avenue in the Bronx, and is accessible by the #2 and #5 trains (Jackson Avenue stop), and a short bus ride.

The CAPS program serves students in elementary school. The program focuses on identifying children perceived to be at higher risk for future school drop-out, and works to engage children to prevent attendance problems. Additionally, Phipps has an after-school program at P.S. 93, which has elementary and middle school students in attendance. Externs will have the opportunity to provide individual and group psychotherapy to students on-site at the school. Externs will also have the opportunity to do evaluations, and to collaborate with teachers and Phipps staff.

For externs interested in an experience working with elementary school age children, this is an ideal track.

3. Early Adolescent/School Track

Placement: Externs will work at The Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation, which serves middle school students.

Location: The Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation is located at 2024 Mohegan Avenue (at 179th St.), in the West Farms section of the Bronx, and is readily accessible by the #2 and #5 trains (East Tremont Avenue/West Farms Square stop).

The Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation is a newly established, small public school, which will have grades six through nine in the coming school year. This school was developed in partnership with Phipps CDC. The school's mission is to engage students in a challenging curriculum centered around wildlife conservation, and partners with the Wildlife Conservation Society/ Bronx Zoo. Externs will have the opportunity to provide individual and group psychotherapy to students on-site at the school. Externs will also have the opportunity to do evaluations and to collaborate with teachers and the school social worker in developing strategies for working effectively with students.

For externs interested in an experience working within an excellent, small public school setting, with a dedicated staff, this is an ideal track.

4. Combined Adolescent/Adult Track

Placement: Externs will be located at the Phipps Community Education Center, providing services for the programs there, as well as for program participants from the Phipps West Farms Technology and Career Center, which is 2 blocks away.

Location: The Phipps Community Education Center is located at 1030 East 178th Street in the West Farms Square section of the Bronx, and is easily accessible by the #2 and #5 trains (East Tremont Avenue/West Farms Square Stop).

The Phipps Community Education Center has an on-site GED program, in partnership with the Department of Education, which serves students ages 17-21 years. Additionally the Community Education Center offers teen programming for younger adolescents, including college readiness and service learning. The Phipps West Farms Technology and Career Center provides a range of services for adults, including employment readiness and placement, computer instruction, Adult Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language classes. Externs will be providing services to adolescents involved in programs at the Community Education Center and to adults involved in services at the Technology and Career Center. Externs will have the opportunity to have individual adolescent and adult psychotherapy cases, run groups for adolescents, and may provide evaluations for adolescents and adults. Adolescents and adults involved in services at the Community Education Center and the Technology and Career Center, are on-site up to five days per week, which allows for externs to have consistency of training without the difficulties of regular attendance for psychotherapy that is often a concern in out-patient facilities.

For externs interested in gaining a broader range of experience, with both adolescents and adults, this is an ideal track.

5. Combined Adult/Elderly Track

Placement: Externs will provide services to adult program participants from the Phipps Opportunity Center as well as elderly residents of La Casa de Felicidad.

Location: The Phipps Opportunity Center, located at 3125 Third Avenue at 159th St. and La Casa de Felicidad (next door) are in the Melrose section of the Bronx, easily accessible by the #2 and #5 trains (149th Street/ 3rd Avenue stop).

The Phipps Opportunity Center offers adult literacy and technology classes, financial counseling, benefits screening and case management, and a family resource center. La Casa de Felicidad, located next door, is a residence for low-income seniors over the age of 62 years. The majority of residents are Spanish speaking. Externs at this site would preferably be bilingual (English/Spanish speaking). Externs will have the opportunity to provide individual and group therapy for adults involved in programs at the Opportunity Center, and for the residents of La Casa de Felicidad. Because adults involved at the Opportunity Center will be on-site up to five days per week, externs will have the opportunity to have more consistency in their training without the difficulties of regular attendance for psychotherapy that is often a concern in out-patient facilities.

For externs interested in bilingual opportunities, in gaining specialized experience in working with older adults, and in broader adult training, this is an ideal track.

6. Court-Involved Young Adult Track

Placement: Extern will provide services to young adult participants of the NYC Justice Corps Program in the South Bronx.

Location: The NYC Justice Corps Program, located at 1409 Fulton Avenue in the Bronx, is accessible by subway/bus (#2 and #5 trains to 149th Street/3rd Avenue, then a short bus ride) or by car.

The NYC Justice Corps Program serves men and women ages 18 to 24 years old, many of whom are referred by the Departments of Probation, Corrections, and Parole, as well as by Alternatives to Incarceration programs. The NYC Justice Corps Program has been developed in collaboration with the New York City Department of Corrections and John Jay College of Criminal Justice's Reentry Institute with the goal being to reduce poverty and recidivism. This is a voluntary program, which provides comprehensive case management services, job skills training, educational advisement, and leadership development for young adults who have been involved in the criminal justice system, so that they will be better prepared to continue their education, become work ready, and acquire skills to help them succeed in their work and personal lives. The program features a strong service component and participants are involved in projects to create stronger ties within their community, as well. Externs will have the opportunity to have individual therapy cases, group work, and provide evaluations.

For externs interested in working with young adults who have been court-involved and are working to establish themselves within their community, this is an ideal track.

Application Process

Applications are accepted beginning January 15th, in accordance with the standardized starting date generally being accepted in the New York area. Interviews will be scheduled as soon as all materials have been received and reviewed. Externship offers will be made on a rolling basis.

Application materials may be sent electronically or by mail.

Electronically:

Send materials to: Alison Meyer, PhD, at ameyer@phippsny.org

Mail:

Send materials to:
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Director of Psychology Training
Phipps Community Development Corporation
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Application should include the following:

1. A cover letter indicating your choice of track (applicants may express interest in more than one track at the time of application);
2. A Curriculum Vitae;
3. Two letters of recommendation*;
4. Letter from department chairperson indicating good standing in program and approval for application for externship*; and
5. A writing sample, which may be a test report, an intake write-up, or a case summary (please delete all personal or identifying information on writing sample).

*Letters of recommendation and department approval may be sent by mail or email directly from the supervisor/faculty member/chairperson, or may be scanned and emailed (as long as signature is present).

Please feel free to contact Alison Meyer, PhD, with any further questions regarding the Phipps externship at ameyer@phippsny.org or by phone at (718) 542-0109 ext. 5013 or (212) 580-3022.