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Volunteer Position

Learning Solutions, an interdisciplinary psychoeducational assessment practice in Western Massachusetts is accepting applications for volunteer positions. We invite applicants for a one- or two-semester, or summer commitment starting Fall 2022 and on a rolling basis within our thriving practice including psychologists, speech-language pathologist, social workers, educational evaluator, and doctoral students in psychology. We work with children, adolescents, college students, adults and families from a wide range of socioeconomic and culturally diverse backgrounds with a wide degree of psychological, emotional, developmental, and educational needs throughout the Pioneer Valley.

About Learning Solutions

Learning Solutions offers a wide variety of assessment and treatment services for language, learning and psychological issues. We diagnose and treat conditions including, but not limited to, reading (dyslexia), math and written language disorders, autism, ADHD, behavior problems, fine motor coordination disorders, language-based learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, memory issues, processing speed difficulties, psychiatric and psychological issues, gender diversity, and social skills difficulties. We also provide psychotherapy, consultation to schools, tutoring, coaching, education and training, professional development, and programs to aid the client's progress. In October 2022 we will be hosting an international conference on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Neurodiversity: Intersections of Race, Gender, Trauma and Development.

We base our practices in clinical research, combined with our expansive experience from our seasoned clinicians. We have a unique integrative model with multiple disciplines working together for comprehensive assessments. Our interdisciplinary team includes clinical social workers, multi-disciplinary psychologists, neuropsychologist, speech and language pathologist, and educator/learning specialist. Our team works together in our evaluations to provide a picture of the whole person. We collaborate with other professionals, family members, and the client to understand the client's day to day experiences. We recommend customized support and provide a comprehensive report that can be used in all areas of a client's life.

We value diversity and a non-competitive professional environment where we support self-reflective practices and help one another develop and increase knowledge with compassion, support, and respect. Our diverse staff of clinicians operate from various psychological theories

and training models, allowing for multiple ways of viewing the client. We utilize a strength-based approach and client-centered language in our theoretical framework and clinical conceptualization. We view diagnosis as a tool, to assist the client in meeting unmet needs, providing appropriate interventions and/or accommodations, and helping frame their difficulties. This is integrated to any and all of our work.

About our Volunteer Program

Volunteers have the opportunity to have more hands-on experience and training within psychology and neuropsychology, with opportunities for growth and employment. We value your insight, input, experience, education, and what you uniquely bring to the practice. We understand the importance of exploring this field prior to embarking on post-graduate education.

Volunteers assist on a number of projects, including but not limited to:

- ... Research and collecting data
- ... Scoring assessments
- ... Marketing and outreach
- ... Administrative support
- ... Creating written resources on relevant topics
- ... Assisting in conference planning and professional development training

Our Philosophy

We value diversity, both in the clients we serve and in the staff. We believe that for the fullest understanding of human beings and for the widest applicability of skills that training should encompass diversity on multiple levels. Our unique interdisciplinary team gives volunteers the exposure to other paradigms, including social work, education, and speech/language, which allows for a more holistic way of viewing the client.

We value an ethical framework and professional socialization. We value the importance of self-reflection, with regards to our power and privilege in society and especially with clients. We utilize the parameters of our accrediting bodies, while simultaneously appreciating that these principles demand vigilance and practice in order to understand and apply them. These practices are integrated into our clinical work, ongoing education and training for staff, and personal lives.

We value social justice and believe that an awareness of issues of social justice that exist in the clinical world is essential to the practice of psychology. Many of our clients are underserved and/or disempowered, and often our work with them is to help with issues of inequality or barriers to accessing education and/or treatment. We utilize a socio-cultural lens when conceptualizing our client's present situations and presenting problems and recognize that not all identities are visible. We acknowledge that white privilege exists, oppression and discrimination are real, and condemn violence against people of color and experiencing oppression. We stand with people of color and of oppressed identities. We support the political movements aimed at dismantling racism, improving equality, and increasing diversity.

Requirements

*Bachelor's Degree or currently enrolled in two- or four- year college.

- *Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs and ability to learn new software
- *Professionalism
- *Strong work ethic
- *Good communication skills, both verbal and written
- *Prior experience or education in the fields of education, psychology, social work or related fields preferred, but not required
- *Bilingual students are encouraged to apply

Rolling admissions starting Fall 2022. Flexible hours. Flexibility in hybrid (in-person and remote) options.

We welcome and encourage applicants of historically marginalized identities to apply.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume, one letter of recommendation, and an undergraduate transcript (unofficial copies are fine) to:

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Email applications are encouraged.