

## Mendocino College Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Program Internship Provider Qualifications

Mendocino College's Alcohol and Other Drug Studies (AODS) students must complete an internship program (240 "documented hours of supervised AOD training") while enrolled in the Mendocino College AODS program to be eligible for graduation. To qualify as a provider of these hours, a site must:

- Provide AOD services involving the core functions of AOD treatment, based on the addiction counselor competencies identified in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Technical Assistance Protocol Series 21 (TAP 21) manual
  - Provide on-site supervision by a counselor who has a state-approved AOD counselor certification. Per Title 9 regulations<sup>1</sup>, "supervised" means that the individual supervising the training shall:
    - Be physically present and available on site or at an immediately adjacent site, but not necessarily in the same room at all times, and
    - Document that the student has completed the required supervised training as indicated in the Mendocino College AODS program internship evaluation.
  - Provide regular, scheduled clinical supervision by an MFT, LCSW, or behavioral health specialist who has specific training in clinical supervision. "Clinical supervision" is defined as individual or group supervision focusing on the students' attitudes and feelings related to the observation and performance of services, as well as their application of knowledge and skills. Clinical supervision in this sense is differentiated from case conferencing (focusing on the needs of clients) and staffing meetings (focusing on the needs of the agency).
  - Have a current Memorandum of Agreement with Mendocino College to act as an AOD internship site
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Those who wish to receive a state-level certification *after* graduating from Mendocino College's AODS program must complete "an additional 2,080 or more documented hours of paid or unpaid work experience providing counseling services in an **AOD program** prior to, after, or at the same time as completion of the education" program. The definition of an "AOD program" is defined by Title 9, Section 13005(a)(1), and includes the following:

- (A) A driving under the influence program licensed pursuant to Chapter 9
- (B) A narcotic treatment program licensed pursuant to Article 1, Chapter 10
- (C) A residential alcohol or drug abuse recovery or treatment program licensed pursuant to Chapter 7.5
- (D) An alcohol or drug recovery or treatment program certified to receive Medi-Cal reimbursement pursuant to Section 51200, Title 22, CCR;
- (E) An alcohol or drug recovery or treatment program certified pursuant to Section 11830, Chapter 7, Part 2, Division 10.5, HSC; [refers to State ADP certified residential and nonresidential treatment programs, or
- (F) An alcohol or drug recovery or treatment program funded pursuant to Part 2, Division 10.5, HSC

[List of approved Mendocino College AODS program internship sites](#)

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<sup>1</sup> Title 9, Div. 4, Chap. 8, Section 13040