Virtual Internship Description

Thank you for the interest in the genetic counseling internship at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Due to the increasing demand for genetic counseling experiences for prospective students, in combination with lack of access to opportunities mainly due to the pandemic, the MCW Genetic Counseling Program is offering a virtual internship in 2021. This internship is intended for individuals who would like to gain an in depth exposure to the field and are interested in becoming a genetic counselor.

The objective of the experience is to learn more about the career of genetic counseling through mock case preparation, observing pre-recorded standardized patient counseling sessions, and contributing to written and oral reflections on genetic counseling methods.

The days and times of the internship are variable depending on the supervisor and intern availability. Due to restricted availability during the pandemic, we will offer 3-4 hour group internship sessions one day per week for 10 weeks. All content will be virtual, so you do not need to reside in the Milwaukee area to participate.

The virtual experience will include the following responsibilities for the interns:

- Develop personal goals for the internship, participating in a mid-point and final evaluation with supervisor.
- Case preparation: Review patient mock chart, read medical literature on weekly topic, research relevant genetic conditions, identify provider and patient appropriate resources
- Construct and interpret family history pedigrees
- Observe standardized patient genetic counseling sessions, document and discuss reflections.

In some instances, there may be opportunity to work on program development projects that may involve data collection/entry, data analysis, contacting referring physicians, enhancing access to services, development of patient education tools, etc.

The requirements for this internship include:

- Actively enrolled as an undergraduate, preference may be given to applicants in their junior or senior year.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Currently enrolled or completed a college level biology course, preference may be given to applicants who have also taken genetics coursework.
- High-speed internet access and computer with web-camera.

Applications for Summer 2021 will be due May 1st, 2021. Application information can be found at this link: https://www.mcw.edu/education/graduate-school/prospective-students/internship-program-pure.

If you have any questions, please reach out to msgc@mcw.edu.