



***Before applying, please carefully read over the internship and program descriptions to ensure that the internship model and your availability are an appropriate fit.**

2025 – 2026 Graduate **Social Work** Internship Application

Internship Description:

The Wendt Center for Loss and Healing is a nonprofit mental health agency committed to reducing barriers to accessing quality trauma- and grief-focused therapy services. This is a **hybrid program** in that ***each intern will be assigned to multiple programs within the Center***. The goal of this hybrid model is to expose the intern to a variety of clinical voices, models, and environments in which quality and effective grief- and trauma-focused therapeutic services can occur. Interns will also benefit from weekly in-service training from seasoned Wendt Center clinicians on topics ranging from Intimate Partner Violence and Homicide to Play Therapy and Sand Tray interventions. Additionally, interns will grow clinically from weekly clinical supervision and monthly peer supervision and case consultations.

Program Descriptions:

Wendt Center Office-Based Counseling Program:

Our office-based therapy/counseling program offers both individual and group trauma- and grief-focused therapy to individuals aged 5 to 99+ years old experiencing a trauma, loss, illness and/or death. We offer **teletherapy daytime and evening appointments Monday-Friday** and **daytime/evening appointments in-person on Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Interns assigned to office-based work will have the opportunity to gain clinical skills working with individuals and/or groups remotely and in person when possible. While we offer daytime and evening appointments, our greatest demand is for evening appointments. ***Interns with availability between 4PM-8PM Monday-Thursday will have the greatest likelihood of consistent individual and group scheduling.***

Resilient Scholars Program- School Based:

The RSP-School Based (RSP-SB) program is a community-based program; therapy services *take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, approximately 8:30am-4:00pm***, at designated school sites throughout the District of Columbia. Interns will be paired with a clinician and work with students (elementary through high school) both individually and in group settings. The RSP-SB program attempts to reduce barriers to access to services by supporting students in their school environment, and interns will be offered a variety of learning opportunities as part of this program.

Resilient Scholars Program- Family Based:

The Wendt Resilient Scholars Project - Family Services Program (RSP-FB) addresses barriers to mental health care faced by at-risk children and adolescents in Washington, DC, by providing access to evidence-based, trauma-informed family treatment services. Therapy services *take place primarily on **weekday evenings (3pm-7pm)*** and are mostly remote via teletherapy. Interns will be paired with a clinician and work with families who have experienced a traumatic event in their lives. Interns will be trained in TA-FC (Trauma Adapted Family Connection), an evidence-based model. There will be opportunities for interns to administer assessments, shadow and lead family sessions and meet with family members for individual sessions.

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Voices of Now (VON):

Voices of Now is a community-based program that **meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm beginning in January and culminating in mid-May**. This program is a **collaboration between the Wendt Center and the Arena Stage Outreach and Education department**. Interns will work side by side with a grief therapist and Arena Stage teaching artists. This program is a **theater-based program** which invites young people to explore life issues and experiences and ultimately create a script that is performed at the Voices of Now festival and the Wendt Center grief forum in May. Interns will work directly with caregivers, teaching artists and student artists. Intern will participate in all theater exercises, opening rituals, group engagement and post session process discussions.

****Commitment to this program might extend past your final day of classes and internship.**

It is strongly recommended to view past Voices of Now videos to best understand a final production created by an ensemble:

2022- Time Stamp: <https://vimeo.com/718417831>

2021: Road Map: <https://youtu.be/rLpl0ocSoGs>

2013: Present Tense <https://vimeo.com/66760952>

***Application on following pages.**

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Applicants:

We accept applications from currently enrolled social work graduate students who: 1) can work at least 20/24/30 hours a week depending on institutional requirements for an eight/nine-month period; 2) are committed to deepening their clinical work in trauma and grief; 3) are a second year Master Level **Social Work** student looking to do their advanced field placement; and 4) are able to handle an intense, diverse and challenging caseload. This is a **hybrid internship program** in that ***each intern will be assigned to multiple programs within the Center.*** Because of this hybrid model, you may be at more than one location in one day and therefore, reliable transportation (car, metro, bus) should be factored in.

Please send completed applications to tdoherty@wendtcenter.org by **Friday March 14th, 2025.**

All information contained in this application will be kept strictly confidential.

First Name:

Last Name:

Name of Graduate School:

Expected Degree:

Name of Field Advisor:

Expected Graduation Date:

Address:

Apt. #:

City:

State:

Zip:

Primary Contact Number:

Secondary Contact Number:

E-Mail Address:

Please attach a copy of your resume that highlights both your work and volunteer experience.

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Does your social work program have any REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT CLIENT HOURS? If so please, specify here:

Yes No If yes, please specify:

Please indicate if you are able to communicate *fluently* in any language in addition to English (please specify language):

Are you currently a Wendt Center client volunteer or neither?

How did you first hear of the Wendt Center?

Do you know anyone currently working at the Wendt Center Yes No If yes, whom?

Do you have any accommodations we should know about? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Are there any barriers to attending the mandatory 4-day orientation the last week of August? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Please indicate your program's designated Field Study days by writing "**Field**" below the appropriate day. Add additional times you are available on other days as applicable that will help you meet your required weekly Field hour requirement. **NOTE: Interns are required to be available IN PERSON Wednesday from 9AM-1PM at the NW office for In-Service training.*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		*In-Service 9-1		

REFERENCES: Please attach 3 professional, written references. Additionally, please provide the contact information for these same three references below:

Name	Relation	Phone Number & Extension	Email

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Please check all areas of clinical interest:

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| Individual Therapy
w/Adults <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Therapy
w/Tween-Teens <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual
Therapy
w/Children <input type="checkbox"/> | Office-Based
Groups <input type="checkbox"/> | School-Based
Groups <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family-Based Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> | School-Based
Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult Groups <input type="checkbox"/> | Tween/Teen
Groups <input type="checkbox"/> | Child Groups <input type="checkbox"/> |

In a separate document please write a brief statement that addresses the following:

- 1) Based on the checklist above, tell us more about the clinical interests you identified.
- 2) With regards to your clinical experiences to date (including course work, volunteer work, internship, etc.,) what have you learned about yourself and your clinical style/approach?
- 3) What is your interest in the grief and trauma field?
- 4) Have you experienced a loss and/or trauma? If so, please reflect on the following questions:
 - a) When?
 - b) How did/do you personally address these trauma(s)/loss(es) in your life?
 - c) How do you imagine it may impact your work as an intern?
- 5) How do you define your own self-care? Please be as specific as possible, and reflect on the potential emotional impact of working in the grief and trauma field.
- 6) What are your personal and professional goals for an internship at the Wendt Center?
- 7) What do you hope to give to the Center during your internship?
- 8) Reflect on how you have intentionally considered and approached diversity, equity, and inclusion in previous experiences. Reflect on how your identities may impact how you show up in the therapeutic space.