

St. John Fisher University Department of Psychology
Field Placement Ideas (PSYC 490)
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To earn Field Experience credit, students must apply for approval by the department and must register for PSYC 490. Students can earn credit either as a volunteer or as a paid employee, as long as it is an appropriate setting (i.e. relevant to the study of psychology in some form).

This listing is not an exhaustive repository of field experience opportunities, nor is it guaranteed that these sites are actively accepting volunteers, interns, or job applicants. You are welcome to find a placement outside of the ones listed here. However, you can use this listing as a starting point to:

- Locate appropriate Field Experience sites
- Locate psychology related jobs
- Identifying possible career interests

This guide offers descriptions, links, and contact information for a variety of sites in and around the Rochester area. Sites are organized by category, and are denoted as volunteer (“volunteer”), formal internship opportunity (“internship”), or paid (“hires”). Sites are also tagged to indicate whether the agency focuses on work with children (C), Youth (Y), or Adults (A).

It is important that you do some research on the agency’s website before reaching out to the point of contact or submitting an application. As you prepare to contact the agency, remind yourself of appropriate email etiquette via this resource:

<https://writingcommons.org/article/e-mail-guidelines-for-students/>

Contact your academic advisor or the current faculty supervisor of PSYC 490 with any questions!

Chronic Psychological Problems

Compeer Rochester

259 Monroe Ave. Rochester, NY 14607

(585) 546-8280

<https://www.compeerrochester.org/become-a-volunteer>

Compeer Rochester provides an opportunity for volunteers to work with children, youth and adults who may benefit from mental health support and peer companionship in day-to-day settings. (C) (Y) (A)

Volunteer Contact: Sarah Dupre, Program Manager, Sdupre@compeerrochester.org

Hillside Family of Agencies

2075 Scottsville Road Rochester, NY 14623

(585) 256-7500

<http://www.hillside.com/>

Hillside provides community-based services, education, and residential treatment to positively impact lives, in partnership with youth and families who have experienced trauma

(C) (Y) (A) (Volunteer; Hires)

Mt. Hope Family Center

187 Edinburgh Street, Rochester, NY 14608

(585) 275-2991

<https://www.psych.rochester.edu/MHFC/students/>

Mt. Hope Family Center provides treatment, prevention, intervention, research and training in the areas of human development, child maltreatment, and mental disorders in children and families. Works with high-risk inner city children ages 6-13. There is a summer camp program, and an after school program.

(C) (Y) (Volunteer; Internship; Paid)

Contact: Stephanie Capobianco, stephanie.capobianco@rochester.edu

Villa of Hope

3300 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

(585) 865-1550

<https://villaofhope.org/>

Offers a coordinated circle of residential treatment, education, preventive, group home, independent living, chemical dependency, and youth development programs. Most Villa youth who have backgrounds that include poverty, abuse, broken relationships, violence, mental illness or substance abuse.

(C) (Y) (Internship; Hires)

Contact: <https://www.villaofhope.org/careers/>

Short-Term Psychological Problems/Crisis

Bivona Child Advocacy Center

1 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

(585) 935-7800

<https://www.bivonacac.org/careers>

Coordinates and provides services and support to meet the needs of victims of sexual or physical abuse and their families at a single and safe, child-friendly facility. Volunteers are needed for many different aspects of the work at the BCAC.

(C) (Volunteer)

Planned Parenthood of Rochester

114 University Avenue

(585) 546-2777

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-involved/jobs-and-volunteering>

Provides pregnancy and birth control counseling.

(Y) (A) (Volunteer)

RESTORE Sexual Assault Services

114 University Avenue

(585) 546 - 2777

<https://restoresas.org/>

Provides counseling and support services for new and past sexual assault victims. Extensive training. Training is twice yearly; fall and summer placements only. One-year commitment needed.

(Y) (A) (Volunteer)

Specialized Educational Environments

BOCES # 1 - Eastside

41 Connor Road, Fairport, NY 14450

(585) 377-4660

<https://www.monroe.edu/>

Students work as one-on-one classroom aides or teacher aides with special education students who may have autism, Asperger's, or behavior disorders.

(C & Y) (Volunteer & Hires)

BOCES #2 - Westside

3599 Big Ridge Road, Spencerport, NY 14559

(585) 352-2400

<http://www.monroe2boces.org>

Students work as one-on-one classroom aides or teacher aides with special education students who may have autism, Asperger's, or behavior disorders.

(C & Y)

Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, Inc.
500 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 328-3077

<https://www.bgcrochester.org/>

Volunteers become role models for children in elementary, middle and high school classrooms to educate & inspire young people to learn about business, the free enterprise system & the skills necessary to be successful not only in the workplace, but in life. For 30-45 minutes per week for five consecutive weeks, volunteers share with the children their hobbies, their work experience, their volunteerism and their belief in being all that you can be.

(C & Y) (Volunteer)

Literacy Volunteers of Rochester, Inc.
1600 South Ave #100, Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 473-3030

<http://www.literacyrochester.org>

An organization of trained volunteers, dedicated to providing one-to-one or small group tutoring to functionally illiterate adults, and to others lacking English language skills.

(A) (Volunteer)

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(C) (Y) (Volunteer & Internship)

Contact: Stephanie Capobianco, stephanie.capobianco@rochester.edu

School of the Holy Childhood
100 Groton Parkway
(585) 359-3710

<http://www.holychildhood.org>

Prepare intellectually or developmentally disabled children and adults for independence and integration in the community through education, vocational training, sheltered employment, and clinical treatment.

(C) (A) (Volunteer)

Medically Related Services

Trillium Health

259 Monroe Ave Rochester, NY 14607

170 Science Parkway Rochester, NY 14620

(585) 545-7200

<https://www.trilliumhealth.org/>

Trillium Health leads a compassionate community effort, providing a continuum of programs and services including education, prevention, advocacy, and support services for people affected by HIV/AIDS.

(Y) (A) (Volunteer & Internship)

CP (Cerebral Palsy) Rochester

3399 Winton Road South

Rochester, NY 14623

(585) 334-6000

<http://www.cprochester.org/default.asp>

Assistive services for children and adults with cerebral palsy including: Physical therapy, speech therapy, educational, occupational therapy and recreation.

(C) (A) (Volunteer)

Volunteer Contact: Tina Bennett, Volunteer Coordinator, (585) 334-6000 ext. 1321,

tbennett@cprochester.org

Cancer Support Community Rochester

255 Alexander St., Rochester, NY 14607

(585) 423-9700

<http://www.gildasclubrochester.org/>

Provides meeting places where people with cancer and their families and friends join with others to build social and emotional support as a supplement to medical care. Offers support and networking groups, lectures, workshops and social events in a nonresidential, homelike setting.

(C) (Y) (A) (Volunteer)

Volunteer Contact: Barb Wooden, Administrative Coordinator, (585) 423-9700 ext. 302,

bwooden@csrochester.org

Strong Hospital: Friends of Strong Memorial Hospital

601 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14642

(585) 275-2420

Many opportunities working on a unit providing recreation for children, opportunities in the emergency department, opportunities in the cancer center. Specific job descriptions provided at time of interview. *Placement may take a while due to health regulations (TB test required).

<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/strong-memorial/about-us/giving/friends-of-strong.aspx>

(C) (Y) (A) (Volunteer)

Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders

DePaul National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence - Rochester Area (NCADD-RA)

1931 Buffalo Road Rochester, NY 14624

<https://ncadd-ra.org/>

DePaul National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence - Rochester Area strives to prevent addiction and to reduce the frequency and prevalence of the diseases of alcoholism and substance use disorder. Moreover, they work to prevent problem gambling. This task is undertaken utilizing research-based and evidence-based substance use disorder and problem gambling prevention services to a diverse population through education, support, resources, advocacy and referral.

(A)

Contact: (585) 426-8000

Rochester Regional Health - Unity Hospital

1555 Long Pond Rd., Rochester, NY 14626

(585) 723-7000

<https://www.rochesterregional.org/services/chemical-dependency>

Description: Various hospitals to volunteer at, Unity is just one of them! This program focuses on addiction recovery and treatment for youth and adults. There are a variety of programs such as chemical dependency, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient detoxification, etc.

(Y & A)

Catholic Charities: Family & Community Services

87 N Clinton Ave. Rochester, NY 14604

(585) 546-7220

<https://www.fcscharities.org/volunteer/>

Description: Offers a variety of services such as refugee resettlement programs & residential programs for chemically dependent women without resources & family support.

(C & A) (Volunteer)

Contact: volunteers@fcscharities.org

Criminal/Legal Services

Casa of Rochester/Monroe County, Inc.

99 Exchange Blvd, Rochester, NY 14614

(585) 371-3980

<https://casarochester.org/>

Description: CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains volunteers to advocate on behalf of children involved in the Family Court System due to abuse or neglect. Volunteers meet and talk to the children and the people in their lives: parents, foster parents, teachers, counselors, therapists, caseworkers, doctors, attorneys, etc. Volunteers gather information and provide the information to Family Court Judges in the form of verbal or written reports.

(C) (Volunteer & Advocates)

Contact: To volunteer or advocate, there is an online form you can fill out on their website!

Center for Dispute Settlement

16 E Main St. #800, Rochester, NY 14614

<https://www.cdsadr.org/>

Description: The Center for Dispute Settlement provides mediation services for the courts and the community. The Center's mission is ..."To use and promote peaceful dispute resolution processes throughout our communities..."

(A) (Volunteer)

Contact: Ronalyn (Ronnie) Pollack

Email: rpollack@cdsadr.org

Phone: (585) 546-5110 ext. 113.

Monroe County Children's Center

400 Rush Scottsville Rd, Rush, NY 14543

(585) 753-5940

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/hs-detentioncenter>

Description: The mission for the Monroe County Children's Center is to provide a safe and therapeutic environment for juveniles awaiting adjudication through the judicial system.

Programs such as education, strengths, develop valuable skills, and encourage positive self-image, to promote community safety and youth well-being help to reduce recidivism rates in youth which is a major goal here as well. There is collaboration with community partners as well as families of the youth to help create the best plan for them.

(Y & A)

Contact: Catherine Thomas, Director of the Children's Detention Center

Legal Aid Society of Rochester

1 W Main St, Rochester, NY 14614

(585) 232-4090

<https://www.lasroc.org/>

Description: LAS provides direct civil legal services to adults and children. Their mission is to ensure that those who are seeking justice have an opportunity to receive fair hearing. They promote an environment that treats people with dignity, equality, and fairness.

(A & C) (Volunteer & Internship)

Contact: complete application and send to: intern@lasroc.org

Rochester Police Department

185 Exchange Blvd. Rochester, NY 14614

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/police/>

Description: There are many volunteer opportunities ranging from animal care to veteran outreach centers.

(Volunteer)

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator: (585) 428-7496

Rochester Psychiatric Center**111 Elmwood Ave. Rochester, NY 14620****(585) 241-1200**<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/facilities/ropc/>

Description: Rochester Psychiatric Center offers inpatient care for adults as well as residential and community support for adults and youth. There are also inpatient programs related to forensics!

(Y & A) (Internship)

Work With Animals**Humane Society of Rochester & Monroe County – Lollipop Farm****99 Victor Road Fairport, NY 14450-0299****(585) 223-1330**<https://www.lollypop.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Lollypop Farm, the Humane Society of Greater Rochester, has been helping animals and people since 1873. Support from the community enables around 115 staff members and more than 800 volunteers to care for around 10,000 animals each year and makes possible a variety of programs to address issues that contribute to the surrender of unwanted animals.

(Animals) (Volunteer)

Verona Street Animal Society**184 Verona Street Rochester, NY 14608****(585) 428-7274**<https://www.vsas.org/>

Verona Street Animal Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing the resources necessary to enable Rochester Animal Services to more effectively serve the public.

(Animals) (Volunteer)

Long-Term Disabilities**ARC of Monroe County****2060 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd., Rochester, NY 14623****(585) 271-0660**<https://arcmonroe.org/>

ARC of Monroe County strives to create an inclusive society where the people they support may live truly integrated lives and reach their full potential as a part of the community. Volunteers can help teach basic computer skills, like using e-mail, navigating the internet and practice Word applications. You can assist with volunteer committees, such as the Day of Champions Golf Tournament. You may also be a mentor or friend at any of their agency homes or day programs. Spending time together on a common interest like a musical instrument, a sport, craft, playing a game or socializing.

(Y & A) (Volunteer & Internship)

Contact: Kim Lombardo for volunteering or Trisha Wise for college internships.

Continuing Developmental Services**860 Hard Rd., Webster, NY 14580****(585) 341-4600**<https://cdslifetransitions.org/cds-monarch/>

Operates many residences for significantly disabled adults who need 24-hour care. Several of these residences are for autistic adolescents and adults. (Y & A) (Volunteer)

Episcopal Senior Life Communities**505 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester 14620****(585) 546-8400**<https://episcopalseniorlife.org/>

Provides residential and day programs for older adults with Alzheimer's and other disabling conditions. Volunteers work directly with the patient on recreational activities or skills, or may work with the family.

(A) (Volunteer & Hires)

Contact: Human Resources at eslc_hr@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org

The Friendly Home**3156 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618****585-381-1600**<https://www.friendlyseniorliving.org/volunteer/>

The Friendly Home is a not-for-profit, non-denominational residential health care facility for older adults. It offers a variety of health care services including 24-hour skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, and specialized care for individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

(A) (Volunteer)

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Main at kmain@friendlyhome.org

Heritage Christian Services**275 Kenneth Dr., Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14623****(585) 340-2000**<https://heritagechristianservices.org/>

Heritage Christian Home is a non-profit agency serving over 1,000 men, women and children with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, autism, and down syndrome through quality residential services, day programs and community services.

(C, Y & A) (Volunteer)

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator or Personnel Office

Lifetime Assistance, Inc.**425 Paul Road, Rochester, New York 14624****(585) 426-4120**<https://www.lifetimeassistance.org/>

Lifetime Assistance provides comprehensive services to children and adults with developmental disabilities, and their families. It has more than a dozen programs that help children and adults to reach their maximum potential by promoting self-reliance, dignity, and a sense of purpose.

(C & A) (Hires)

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

Mary Cariola Children's Center

1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620

(585) 271-0761

<https://www.marycariola.org/>

Provides individualized services for children from birth to 21 with developmental delays and especially for those with complex or multiple disabilities. Children receive individually prescribed educational and therapeutic programs at one of our three school locations or one of our four residences in the Monroe County area.

(C & Y) (Hires and Internships)

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

Empowering People's Independence

1650 South Ave, Suite 300, Rochester, NY 14620

(585) 442-4430

<https://www.epiny.org/>

EPI provides personalized care, education, training, advocacy, and support solutions to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities, epilepsy, and brain injury. EPI focuses on offering progressive, tailored care solutions to people with developmental disabilities, epilepsy, and brain injury. They adopt innovative service models that better meet the needs of the people they support to improve their health, wellbeing, independence, and social inclusion. We are passionate about doing the right thing.

(C, Y, & A) (Hires and Volunteer)