2022-2023 Clinical Internship FAQ’s

Do you provide practica opportunities?
No, we do not provide practica opportunities. Our internship site is tailored for graduate students seeking master’s level internship or doctoral level practicum placement.

How many interns do you take?
Intern cohorts at Maria Droste are usually 30-35 people. The number varies each to year depending on the needs of our programs.

How long is the internship?
Internship opportunities at Maria Droste are 9-12 months in duration, beginning in June or August and ending in June of the following year. We do not accept interns for shorter durations of time or at alternative start/ending dates.

How many hours a week is an internship with Maria Droste?
Our interns, regardless of their track, usually commit to around 20 hours a week during an internship at Maria Droste.

What kind of experience will I get as a Maria Droste intern?
Through our internship program, interns receive experience with:

- Individual Therapy
- Counseling for Clients of All Ages
- Medicaid
- Group Therapy
- Couples Counseling and Family Therapy
- Integrated Care

What is an internship with Maria Droste REALLY like?
Internships at Maria Droste are intensive placements that provide high-level, real-life training. Interns at Maria Droste are expected to function as therapists, meaning they regularly meet with clients, bill for sessions, and complete comprehensive documentation—including meeting Medicaid compliance standards. The internship very closely resembles a real-life therapy job and provides invaluable preparation for post-graduation entry into the mental health field. Employers report high satisfaction with former Maria Droste interns due to their knowledge and experience.
What are the internship tracks?
In their applications, internship candidates are asked to choose two tracks to apply to: Options; Children First; Combined; or Integrated Care tracks. Click [here](#) for more information about each track and please read it over carefully before choosing tracks on your application.

What is supervision like?
Internship supervisors are members of The Therapist Group, a collective of therapists highly experienced in a wide variety of modalities, and who are enthusiastic about training our interns. Due to increasingly specialized placements, we also hire field supervisors with specific expertise. All of our supervisors have tremendous respect for the important role that interns play in our mission of providing quality services to the community, and they receive training and consultation specifically related to their supervisory roles. Interns receive weekly individual supervision and group supervision twice monthly.

What are the internship program requirements?
The Maria Droste Internship program requires:

- **You must be currently enrolled in a master’s or doctoral program**
- **20 hours/week minimum** ([See program/track descriptions](#))
- **Minimum 9 month commitment** (mid August to June; optional June start)
- **Training every Friday morning** from 8:30 to noon
- **Ability to schedule clients at least one evening** (4-7pm)
- **Ability to respond to client emergencies** such as abuse reports as needed
- **One hour individual supervision** per week
- **Completion of all clinical and agency paperwork & billing, within required timelines**
- **A minimum of two audio/video recordings**
- **Ability to work independently**
- **Professional attitude**
- **Self-awareness and a commitment to personal growth.** Interns who have not had their own counseling are asked to complete a minimum of 6 sessions prior to starting the internship.

Is my graduate program partnered with Maria Droste and can I apply for an internship?  
Maria Droste Counseling Center is an approved field placement site for several graduate programs. These currently include:

- **Colorado State University**: Masters of Social Work
- **Metropolitan State University of Denver**: Masters of Social Work
- **Naropa University**: M.A. Mindfulness-Based TCP, M.A. Contemplative Psychotherapy and Buddhist Psychology, M.A. Somatic Dance Movement Body Psychotherapy, M.A. Art Therapy
What if my graduate program is not listed above and I’d like to apply for an internship? Any other programs need to be cleared with our Director of Clinical Training, and have an anti-discrimination statement that is inclusive (i.e. includes sexual orientation and gender identity). For programs not listed above, please send an email to recruitment@mariadroste.org and include your university’s anti-discrimination statement, a summary of your academic and clinical training progression, and a contact person for your program.

I’ve read everything and I still have questions. Who can I reach out to?
For more information about our graduate training program, please e-mail Recruitment@MariaDroste.org

I’m ready to apply! Where do I go?
As mentioned above, we will begin accepting applications for the 2022-23 internship year on a rolling basis starting on January 1, 2022 through April 2022. The application is available to review and begin completing here.