**Request for a PBS Student in a Field Experience Practicum**

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| Organization  Name & Mission | The Aldrich Project is managed through the IU School of Nursing which is focused on substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion in school-age children. |
| Supervisor | Kim Decker, PhD, RN, CNS |
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| Project description | Students will work collaboratively with the IU School of Education, IU School of Nursing, IU School of Public Health, &/or IU School of Social Work to implement an evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion program in elementary schools & middle schools located in Monroe County as well in schools for a few surrounding counties. |
| Student responsibilities | The student will implement the evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion program with other interprofessional students in various schools. They may also help with data collection, collation and analysis as needed, or assist with assessing other evidence-based informational needs. |
| Work schedule –  **All Day on Tuesdays** | For Spring 2025: the training will take place on Monday, January 13th, and Tuesday, January 14th. The evidence-based substance use prevention and mental health promotion program implementation in the schools will begin Tuesday Sept. 21st, through Tuesday, March 25th – snow days dependent. This implementation begins around 8 am and ends by 6 pm. There may be a few IPE evening options available. Following implementation, the PBS students may work with Dr. Decker on Tuesdays to collate data from the school age student pre & post assessments and teacher survey or complete an evidence-based research activity with Dr. Schiestl. |
| Qualifications | A strong ability to work with school-age children with excellent interpersonal skills. Teamwork and collaboration are needed to successfully complete the project. |
| Benefits for the student | Students will work directly with an interprofessional health sciences team to prevent substance use and promote mental health in school-age children.  The students will gain an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of other health science professionals. In addition, this will afford the opportunity for students to lead an evidence-based practice project. |
| Application process | Please contact Dr. Emma Schiestl [emthschi@iu.edu](mailto:emthschi@iu.edu) if you are interested, with a current resume attached. Prospective students will be selected via Dr. Schiestl and the PBS Academic Advisors. |
| Other information | The student will need a background check (cost is ~ $16) to work with the school-age children in the schools. |