



social development
Department:
Social Development
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Health and Welfare Sector
Education and Training Authority
HWSETA



**WITS HEALTH
CONSORTIUM**

Social Work Internship opportunity for unemployed qualified social workers

Job type

Internship (12 months fixed term)

Background

In response to the Minister of Higher Education's call to SETAs to avail funding to support the Health and Social Sectors during the COVID 19 pandemic, the HWSETA has made funding available to recruit 1210 recently qualified unemployed Social Workers to participate in a national internship programme. In collaboration with the Department of Social Development, National Department of Health and Wits Health Consortium (Pty) Ltd as project manager, the Social Worker interns will be deployed at various health and social development centres in all 9 Provinces, to mitigate the social and health consequences of the pandemic.

Main purpose of the internship

To provide unemployed social work graduates with an opportunity to work alongside experienced social workers to gain practical and vital experience and insight into social issues, whilst providing social work services to health care and social development users.

Required minimum education and training

- An accredited degree in Social Work (accredited with South African Council for Social Service Professions and the SAQA and Council for Higher Education).
- Registered with SACSSP (registration assistance will be provided where needed).
- Candidates must be South African Citizens.
- Candidates must be unemployed.

Stipend

R 5 000 per month.

In addition:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) will be provided.
- Interns based at quarantine sites, will be provided with accommodation where needed.

Responsibilities

The intern social worker will be supervised by a designated supervisor to perform the following responsibilities:

- Provide crisis intervention and psychosocial support to health care users as needed.
- Provide individual and/or group social work services for children, adolescents, elderly and persons with disabilities.
- Provide support to staff in reporting suspected cases of abuse and neglect to the Department of Social Development.
- Assist in identifying and linking clients requiring social support to social service agencies and follow up on applications made for social support.
- Support the work of the Ward Based Outreach Teams.
- Perform home visits and assessments as and when required.
- Maintain ongoing communication with other service providers and social service agencies to ensure that services needed by health care users are provided.
- Complete promptly, necessary records, forms and reports and maintain records as needed.
- Continue professional growth by updating knowledge of current legislation, health and social development policies and current social work practices.
- Coordinate food programmes and other support at community level.
- Any other activities as identified by the provincial coordinators working in health and Department of Social Development.

Should you be interested in applying for this opportunity, please click the link below, complete the application and attach a copy of your ID, qualifications and CV.

<https://recruitments.witshealth.co.za/ApplicationForm.aspx>

The closing date for all applications is 3 June 2020

The Wits Health Consortium will only respond to shortlisted candidates. Candidates who have not been contacted within two weeks of the closing date can consider their applications unsuccessful. In accordance with our Employment Equity goals and plan, preference will be given to suitable applicants from designated groups as defined in the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 and subsequent amendments thereto.