Mission Statement: “Helping people reclaim lives lost; we restore hope and dignity by offering opportunities for health and self-sufficiency.”

BRC is one of New York City's largest, most experienced and most successful providers of housing and services for homeless adults. BRC today is a $68 million organization with 27 programs throughout the greater metropolitan area. The BRC Reception Center is the only clinically based, transitional residence offered in the city for homeless individuals who have been diagnosed with one or more severe and persistent mental illnesses. The Reception Center provides therapeutic and case management services with the aim of placing its clients in appropriate, supportive housing.

Internship Title: Creative Arts Intern

On-site Supervisor/Co-educator:
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Ms. Quirk is the Program Director of the BRC Reception Center. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds an MSW from NYU. Kelly has been with BRC for over seven years, and has a great deal of experience as a field instructor.

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Heather coordinates all academic interns and is the liaison between the schools and BRC. She coordinates intern events throughout the year and serves as an additional resource and support for students. She holds an MSW from Columbia University.

Duties/Project Description:
- Participate in and assist with creative arts programming
- Assist with direct client services such as intake under staff supervision
- Assist staff with creative arts group work
Qualifications:
BRC seeks a mature, motivated intern who is interested in serving the homeless population of New York City. Must have excellent project and time management skills and ability to stay on task. Must possess excellent verbal communication skills. Must be a team player and work well in a group. Intern should have interest/skill in one or more of the creative art mediums: photography, visual arts, creative writing, or music.

Orientation Plan:
Interns will receive the same new employee orientation as our full-time staff. BRC will provide training on several topics including crisis intervention skills, maintaining professional boundaries, and CPR/First Aid.

Supervision/Mentor Schedule:
Interns will receive at minimum once per week one-on-one supervision. The on-site supervisor and intern coordinator will be available as needed. If more than one student from the Shepherd Internship Program is placed at BRC, we will also offer group support and supervision.

Working Conditions:
Shared workspace, computer access as needed. When working with clients, the intern will always be partnered with and supervised by a staff member.

Recommended Reading:
Books
- The Homeless by Christopher Jencks (1995)
- Reckoning with Homelessness by Kim Hopper (2002)

Articles
- Dennis Culhane readings: http://www.works.bepress.com/dennis_culhane/
  o Homelessness and Public Shelter Provision in New York City (1999)
  o Rethinking Homelessness Prevention among Persons with Serious Mental Illness (2013)
  o Community-Level Characteristics Associated with Variations in Rates of Homelessness Among Families and Single Adults (2013)

Is the organizational accessible via public transportation? Yes

Does the internship require use of personal vehicle? No