If eligible, students may apply to the LA County and State stipend programs by submitting the application required by both programs. However, a student may only be awarded a stipend from one program. Inquires may be sent to gsep.careerservices@pepperdine.edu.
The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health MFT Stipend Program awards educational stipends to MFT students who are willing to obtain post-degree employment as an MFT intern in a public mental health agency contracted by Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health providing services to their clients in communities in need of mental health practitioners. The LA County’s Stipend Program is administered through Phillips Graduate University. This is a summary of the LA County’s Stipend Program but for more detailed information and application materials, go to Phillips’ website, www.pgu.edu, and click on “MFT Consortium” and “LA County Stipend Program”.

Objectives of the Los Angeles County Stipend Program

- To promote public mental health as a training and career option for MFT students
- To recruit MFT students with multicultural capacity to work in communities designated as high need for mental health practitioners including Antelope Valley, Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles
- To recruit MFT students who are willing to work in MHSA funded service programs that promote mental health care in the field, such as in schools and clients’ homes
- To recruit MFT students with capacity to provide clinical services in languages other than English

Stipends Awarded in 2016-17 *

- Up to 52 educational stipends of $18,500 will be awarded to MFT students

Employment Commitment Requirement for Stipend Recipients

- One year of employment as a Marriage and Family Therapy Intern in an agency and program operated directly or contracted through the LA County Department of Mental Health
- Employment search begins upon graduating

Eligibility for the 2016-17 Stipends

- Students who graduate between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017
- Students who complete their field placement (traineeship) in an agencies providing mental health treatment to underserved communities and culturally diverse populations

Application Information for 2016-17 Stipends

- The County’s application form will be available on Phillips website under MFT Consortium of Los Angeles County Stipend Program on September 14, 2016
- Application Deadline: November 2, 2016

* Pending execution of the LA County contract