Social Workers Advancing through Grounded Education (SAGE): Building Capacity for Mental and Behavioral Health in Indian Country

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PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The SAGE project will recruit, train, and financially support Native and non-Native students as they complete 360 hours of their concentration practica.

SAGE students are awarded a paid practicum and will complete their field education either in Indian Country or with American Indian/Alaska Native populations, providing students with the necessary experience to transition into employment in Indian Country.

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships include:
- Tribal Colleges and Tribal Governments
- Mental and Behavioral Health providers
- Buder Center Alumni
- Brown School Career Services Department
- Office of Field Education and Community Partnerships
- Office of Admissions

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

- Practicum should focus on Mental and Behavioral Health;
- Practicum should focus on working with either at-risk children, at-risk adolescents or at-risk transitional age youth;
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- Students must participate in American Indian/Alaska Native activities and programs through the Buder Center;
- Students must participate in Center for Violence & Injury Prevention events;
- Must be a student at Washington University’s Brown School

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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