

Online Campus Social Justice Practicum (SJP) Pilot

RSVP for webinar on May 20th

The Social Justice Practicum (SJP) is an institutional anchor of Adler University that is rooted in our mission of community engagement, social justice, and socially responsible practice. Students gain the knowledge, skills, and perspectives to utilize collective power and social justice strategies to build a more equitable society.

The SJP is designed to help students learn how to work alongside different communities as agents of social change; and serves as the catalyst for students to realize and understand their own strengths and responsibility to contribute to social equity.

What benefits come from taking the SJP?

- 1) Students gain specific skills which vary by project, such as learning grant writing, community outreach, and program development.
- 2) Students connect directly with the marginalized communities their site is working with, learning how best to be collaborative in social change efforts.
- Students learn how to be better socially responsible practitioners by learning about systemic oppression through their sites and through the online modules.
- 4) The SJP is currently a degree requirement for on-ground programs in Chicago and Vancouver, and for online programs beginning in Fall 2018. Completing the SJP Pilot will fulfill the SJP requirement for any future programs of study such as Ph.D. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology or Doctor of Clinical Psychology at Adler University.

The SJP unites our academic institution and larger communities, which is exemplary of student learning at Adler University. This experiential learning process includes participating in weekly exercises and discussion groups to explore civics, intersectionality, and community organizing and completing a practicum at community-based organizations to work on projects that will strengthen the social justice missions of our community partner members.

Overall, the SJP requirements include: 1) completion of a minimum of 200 hours at an approved SJP site, 2) attendance in weekly modules and 3) a formal SJP presentation at the Annual Social Justice Symposium. Students will also be evaluated by their Site Supervisor to receive feedback on their progress and performance on assigned projects.

Please fill out this form or contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@adler.edu if you would like to sign up for the SJP Pilot.

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