

# California Community College Counselor (4C) Internship

The California Community College Counseling Internship (4C) was created and developed by the Counseling Department at Santa Monica College. It is designed to assist individuals who are new to the counseling field as they transition out of their classroom setting and into the professional environment of academic counseling. Since its inception, the Counseling Department has provided groups of interns with the opportunity to engage in an intensive training program with the intention of providing new professionals with the exposure, information, and skills necessary to successfully assist community college students. This is in accordance with the Vision, Mission, and Goals of Santa Monica College and specifically addresses “the critical importance of each individual’s contribution to the achievement of the mission.”

Santa Monica College 4C Internship applicants are expected to be developing and practicing cultural competence in their studies, research, and other work. Cultural competence is the ability to understand, communicate with, and effectively interact with people across cultures. Cultural competence encompasses being aware of one’s own world view, developing positive attitudes towards cultural differences and gaining knowledge of different cultural practices and world views. The SMC Counseling Department is committed to growing and developing counselors who are sensitive to student needs and are representative of the populations we serve at the college.