New England PTTC Internship

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Hello, Intern!

Welcome to the New England PTTC Team. During the course of the semester, your internship with us will be a two part experience; learning and working. It is our intention to count you as a member of our team while also giving you new tools and experiences that you can use when your semester with us finishes.

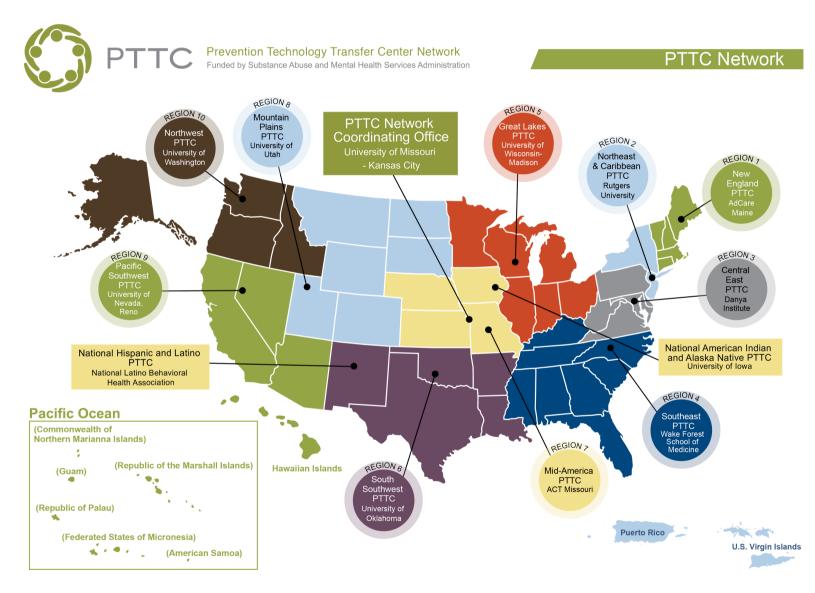
We will have several goals for you during the course of your internship with us.

- Gain an understanding of Prevention Science and the work of a prevention specialist working in the field.
- Gain a clear understanding of the PTTC network and the New England PTTC's role within the network.
- Assist on new and ongoing PTTC project(s) working with stakeholders and other prevention specialists.
- Conduct research around an identified priority subject area.
- Complete a product using the research conducted which will benefit the New England prevention workforce.

While these goals are the necessary elements of your internship with us, there will be a degree of flexibility as well. Working hours, projects, and product dimensions will be determined by you and your internship supervisors. Your creativity, education, and experience are important to us, and will be valuable assets to our team.

New England PTTC Overview

The purpose of the Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Network is to improve implementation and delivery of effective substance misuse prevention interventions, and provide training and technical assistance services to the substance misuse prevention field. It does this by developing and disseminating tools and strategies needed to improve the quality of substance misuse prevention efforts; providing intensive technical assistance and learning resources to prevention professionals in order to improve their understanding of prevention science, epidemiological data, and implementation of evidence-based and promising practices; and, developing tools and resources to engage the next generation of prevention professionals.



Established in 2018 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the PTTC Network is comprised of 10 Domestic Regional Centers, 2 National Focus Area Centers, and a Network Coordinating Office. Together the Network serves the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Islands of Guam, American Samoa, Palau, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and the Mariana Islands. The New England Prevention Technology Transfer Center, administered by AdCare Educational Institute of Maine, Inc., provides training and technical assistance services to the professional and volunteer prevention workforce within the New England states.

New England PTTC Overview

The New England PTTC is developing a diverse program with multiple modes of training and information dissemination. This includes collaboration with states to hold live, in person trainings featuring the latest prevention science, but also multiple opportunities for distance learning to maximize the reach of technical assistance in the region.

The New England PTTC also puts a focus on workforce development initiatives, including leadership development programs to advance the existing workforce, and fundamental initiatives to build capacity across the spectrum of experience. The New England PTTC will serve as a hub of specialty expertise in providing training and technical assistance in the area of marijuana risk education and prevention.

The New England PTTC is here to support the workforce, so all training and TA needs of the substance misuse prevention workforce will be considered. Please contact us and let us know how we can help!

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Product Creation

The product you create by the end of the semester working with us will be used by the New England Prevention workforce. The product must be a well researched, well executed product which abides by the PTTC branding standards. The type of product with you create has some flexibility according to the research, the skills that serve you best, and current prevention priorities. The subject of the product and research will be determined by your internship supervisors.

In your research, you may consider what other PTTC's have created for products, both to avoid duplication and to inform your development choices. Your Internship supervisors can help you navigate this and be sure to create a product that is original and specific to our region, and you may find it helpful to view the products available on the <u>PTTC Network website.</u>

Depending on the product you make, your product may be featured on the New England PTTC Website, newsletter, social media, webinars, or in meetings and projects in the region or nationally. The way we use your product largely depends on the product itself. Your work will also be yours to include in a portfoilio, in applications for other behavioral health positions, and in future research.

Examples of potential products include:

- A white paper on current trends and prevention practices
- · A reference guide to current evidence based practices
- A Toolkit for prevention specialists to use within their communities
- A database on current trends around a substance in the New England region

