



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in KIP's Pathway To Licensure (PTL) program. Our PTL program provides recent social work and mental health counseling graduates a unique opportunity to engage in intensive clinical work, receive individual and group supervision, gain exposure to a broad array of client populations and issues, and gain the knowledge and experience necessary to become successful and skilled clinicians. PTL hours meet New York State licensure requirements for both social workers and mental health counselors seeking clinical licensure.

Please carefully review the application package, including the minimum requirements for acceptance into the PTL program. **Any applicant that does not meet the minimum requirements will not be considered.** Submit all required documentation by email to: info@kiptherapy.com.

We accept applications on a rolling basis. Highly qualified applicants will be contacted to conduct in-person interviews with the Director and KIP's leadership team. Due to the number of applications that we receive, we will not be able to conduct in-person interviews with all applicants..

If you have any questions about the program, you can email the Program Coordinator, James Robinson, at james@kiptherapy.com, or the Director, Dr. Ryan M. Kull, at ryan@kiptherapy.com.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rmk".

Ryan M. Kull, PhD
KIP Director
ryan@kiptherapy.com



Application Cover Sheet
Post-Graduate Clinical PTL Application

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Educational Experience (from an accredited social work or mental health graduate program):

Degree _____ Name of Institution _____

Graduation or Expected Graduation Date:

Have you completed any supervised clinical hours towards NYS licensure? Yes No

If so, how many hours have you completed? _____

I verify that all information submitted in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and understand that falsification of any information will result in a rejected application. I also acknowledge that all application materials submitted will become property of KIP and will not be returned to the applicant.

Signature of Applicant Date

Please submit, along with this sheet, the following materials (detailed instructions follow):

- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Names and contact information of 2-3 professional references



Information about KIP's PTL Program

In addition to providing sliding-scale psychotherapy services to the community, KIP's mission is to give social workers and mental health counselors the experience and training necessary to become successful, independent practitioners of psychotherapy. While candidates are encouraged to develop a specialization during their time at KIP, all candidates are exposed to knowledge on major theoretical approaches, skills in engagement that demonstrate therapeutic effectiveness, and experience in working in a group practice setting.

During their tenure at KIP, we request that PTL candidates are available to see 15 clients (or sessions) per week. However, PTL candidates are required to maintain the minimum weekly caseload—no less than 12 client sessions per week—necessary to complete their licensure. In addition to providing clinical services, candidates participate in weekly supervision (group and individual) and in-service trainings.

KIP is committed to increasing access and providing culturally competent services to clients of diverse backgrounds. KIP is also dedicated to increasing diversity within the psychotherapy profession by supporting the professional development of emerging therapists from underrepresented groups. Candidates from such groups, such as people of color and LGBTQ people, who meet the minimum application requirements are strongly encouraged to apply.

Minimum Requirements for PTL Applicants:

- Licensure and degree requirements:
 - Completion of master's degree in social work or mental health counseling from accredited program.
 - Currently holds or plans to hold when starting with clients their LMSW or MHC-LP
- Must be willing to commit to at least one year in the PTL program. Any applicants who will be completing their clinical hours within a year will not be considered.
- Ability to commit to the MINIMUM weekly caseload to meet hourly requirements.
 - For MHC-LPs, you are **required** to complete a minimum of 1500 client contact hours within two years of the date that your permit commenced, or approximately 15 client contact hours per week.
 - For LMSWs, you must complete your hours (2000 client contact hours) in three years. That's a minimum of 12 client contact hours per week.
- Ability to commit to individual and group supervision, and monthly in-service trainings. Group supervision and in-service trainings occur on Thursday mornings



before noon. Individual supervision times are arranged between you and your supervisor.

Preferred:

- Demonstrate basic skills, aptitude, and experience in providing individual, family, and/or group clinical services.
- Experience and/or interest in specializing in areas fitting with KIP's mission, such as identity (LGBTQ, race/cultural diversity), evidence-based practices, and relational/interpersonally-oriented psychotherapy.
- Interest in pursuing a career as a psychotherapist and becoming a part of the KIP community (teach, supervise, attend meetings) after licensure.
- Those with flexibility in their schedule to meet with clients at different times of the day. At a minimum, candidates should be available two days a week (e.g., one early morning/afternoon, and one evening) for clinical hours.
- Those who have a clear, specific plan for financial stability during their PTL position.

Fees and Compensation:

Unlike other psychotherapy training programs in New York City, there are no fees associated with KIP's PTL program, nor are candidates required to pay for personal therapy or supervision. Candidates are paid on a part-time basis, \$22 per client contact hour. After one year of acceptable performance in the program, PTL candidates are eligible to receive up to \$25 per client contact hour.

Guidelines for your Personal Statement:

- **No more than two, single-spaced pages.**
- Explain why you are interested in the KIP PTL program.
- At KIP, much of our work focuses on the role of identity and self in our clients' lives, our personal and professional lives as clinicians, and how these dynamics interact in the clinical setting. Describe how your identity has played a role in your clinical work, and give any examples of how your use of self or self-awareness has played a role in your clinical work thus far.
- Describe your professional goals in the mental health field. What are your short-term learning goals? What knowledge or skills would you like to develop? Describe your ideal professional trajectory after you become licensed.
- Related to this, what areas are you interested in specializing in? Do you currently have any specific training and/or knowledge in a particular modality (e.g.,

psychodynamic, CBT) and/or populations (e.g., LGBTQ, substance abuse). If so, please give *specific* details about your experience and training.

- What additional skills can you bring to KIP that would help advance the organization's mission?
- Participation in the PTL program requires a considerable time commitment and sufficient financial resources or other sources of income to make participation feasible. How will you manage the time and financial commitment to participate in the PTL program?

Professional references

- Please include 2-3 contacts that will serve as references. References should be professional only, and preferably those who can comment on your clinical work (e.g., supervisors at field placements).