



## MELANIE MERRITT, LMSW

*CANDIDATE/INTERN*

Melanie graduated from University of Connecticut School of Social Work 5/2020. Melanie completed her last phase of internship at the Intensive Outpatient Center at UConn Health Center, where she conducted individual and group sessions. In September 2019, Melanie was named a fellow of the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program. In this fellowship, she received training to prepare her in providing competent, evidence-based services within interdisciplinary teams. Prior to UConn's MSW program, Melanie attended Western Connecticut State University where she received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology/ Anthropology. She previously worked with individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families, as well as in a high-school working with students receiving individualized educational services.

Melanie has also completed research on the impact of income on student's academic success in high school as well as done some policy work around integrated work settings for individuals with disabilities. Melanie is interested in conducting research around social biases and exclusion and its impact on individuals with disabilities in educational and work settings, and plans to use her position as a social worker in the future to provide clinical services and advocate for those who are experiencing injustices or who are discriminated against.