

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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Internship Program Admissions

Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on intern selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:

Applicants must meet the following prerequisites to be considered for our program:

1. Doctoral student in clinical or counseling psychology program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA), the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), or the Psychological Science Accreditation System (PCSAS).
2. Approval for internship status by graduate program training director
3. A minimum of 625 completed clinical hours. We consider clinical hours the combination of completed intervention and assessment hours. We also require a minimum of five completed psychological assessments to be considered for our internship program.
4. U.S. citizenship
5. Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26
6. Matched interns are subject to fingerprinting, background checks, and urine drug screens. Match result and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens (please see brochure for additional information regarding appointment as a Federal employee)

Selection Process:

Although applications will be accepted until November 1, 2018, applicants are encouraged to complete their applications as early as possible. After the November 1st deadline, applications are reviewed by a committee of supervisory psychologists to select applicants for interviews. We typically interview a little less than half of all applicants, which works out to roughly 45-50 applicants based upon approximately 100 applications each year. We inform all applicants of their interview status by e-mail, so please make sure to give us your correct e-mail address. Once all selected applicants are interviewed, the training committee meets to generate our match lists. We will inform applicants of their interview status by December 15. Intern applicants are selected for interviews based upon ratings of the following criteria: quality of academic preparation, quality of intervention experience, quality of assessment experience, quality of letters of recommendation, quality of essays and cover letter, diversity awareness, integration of the science of psychology to practice/academic experiences, and the overall match to our internship program. Interviewed applicants are further rated on their demonstrated competency in responding to questions, overall goodness of fit, and interpersonal style/presentation. We believe that cultural curiosity is vital to understanding mental illness and essential to provision of care. As such, VA psychologists are obligated to ensure that culturally competent services continually evolve in order to better respond to the needs of our increasingly diverse Veteran population.

Interview dates will be four days in January 2019 (tentatively, those dates are January 4, 7, 25, and 28) from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. Unfortunately, because of the substantial number of applicants and interviews, the dates and times are not flexible. Prospective interns will receive an interview schedule when they arrive for their interview, and we do our best to match intern applicants with their staff/training interests. Interviewees will have 3 individual staff interviews in the afternoon. The morning is spent with our staff presenting on various training rotations and answering questions. Lunch is provided on-site. If an applicant cannot interview in person for any reason, we are happy to schedule a telephone interview, which will not be on the aforementioned interview days, but on another mutually agreed upon day and time. Telephone interviews consist of staff interviews and an informational contact from an intern.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, indicate how many:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours N **Y** **Please see below**

Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours N **Y** **Please see below**

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants: Our program requires a minimum of 625 completed clinical hours. We consider clinical hours the combination of completed intervention and assessment hours. We also require a minimum of five completed psychological assessments to be considered for our internship program.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns **\$26,166**

Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns **N/A**

Program provides access to medical insurance for intern? **Yes** **No**

If access to medical insurance is provided

Trainee contribution to cost required? **Yes** **No**

Coverage of family member(s) available? **Yes** **No**

Coverage of legally married partner available? **Yes** **No**

Coverage of domestic partner available? **Yes** **No**

Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation) **104**

Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave **104**

In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave? **Yes** **No**

Other Benefits (please describe): Interns also receive 10 Federal Holidays off and can be considered for up to 5 days of Authorized Absence (e.g., time for dissertation defense, conferences, etc.) If leave beyond Federal Holidays accrued annual leave, accrued sick leave, and authorized absence are needed, the length of the internship would be extended to ensure the intern completes a full year of training.

* Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table.

Initial Post-Internship Positions
(Provide an Aggregated tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2014-2017	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	18	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
Community mental health center	PD	EP
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	15	2
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	0	0
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	1
Unknown	0	0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.