

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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Program Disclosures

Does the program or institution require students, trainees, and/or staff (faculty) to comply with specific policies or practices related to the institution's affiliation or purpose? Such policies or practices may include, but are not limited to, admissions, hiring, retention policies, and/or requirements for completion that express mission and values?	<div><input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented: As stipend paid Health Professions Trainees, all interns must meet the VA Office of Academic Affiliations Trainee Eligibility requirements. This link https://www.va.gov/OAA/docs/2021HPTInstructionsv4_1.pdf provides a checklist of these requirements.	

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:

The DC VAMC offers a psychology training internship program to qualified graduate students in an APA, CPA and PCSAS-accredited clinical or counseling psychology doctoral programs. Our training program prepares psychology interns for culturally competent, effective, independent, and ethical practice of professional psychology. Because psychologists participate widely in this large and active teaching center, interns are exposed to a broad range of potential training experiences, including those in traditional psychiatric settings, therapeutic communities, and contemporary health psychology. Our staff and Veteran population reflect the vibrant multi-ethnic communities in the greater metropolitan Washington D.C. area. The internship program has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1981 and was recently reaccredited through 2032. At this time, we offer seven internship positions across two tracks: General and Neuropsychology. Staff psychologists adhere to a diverse range of theoretical orientations and are trained in a variety of evidenced based clinical practices. Our team approaches each intern's training through an individualized plan, with the goal of maximizing the intern's personal growth and professional competence.

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: No hours minimum, see below

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours			Amount:
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours			Amount:

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

While our program does not have minimum required hours; a strong applicant will have at least three years of graduate level practicum placements prior to the start of the internship year. Strong applicants will demonstrate a commitment to culturally informed care.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	29,593	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	NA	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes	
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes	
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes	
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes	
Coverage of domestic partner available?	Yes	
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	Up to 104	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	Up to 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): Limited amount of release time for activities related to degree completion (e.g. dissertation defense, graduation) and other professional activities.		

*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)

	2018-2021	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	22	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	2	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	3	1
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	11	2
Psychiatric facility	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	2	1
Other	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.