

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?	No
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	
N/A	

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 VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System offers a psychology internship program to U.S. citizens who are enrolled in a doctoral degree program in Clinical, Counseling or Combined Psychology at an APA- or CPA- accredited institution or a Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) accredited program in Clinical Science. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA or CPA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology are also eligible. We require that applicants have completed at least 1200 total practicum hours (assessment + intervention + supervision) prior to the start of internship. Per VHA policy, all selections are conditional pending a criminal background check and passing a physical examination. Factors considered by the committee in selecting interns include: 1) the breadth and depth of clinical experience obtained through practicum training; 2) scholarly preparation evidenced by academic transcripts, research experience, and publications and presentations; 3) evidence of personal maturity and readiness for internship training; 4) the degree to which the applicant’s stated training objectives match the training opportunities available in our setting; and 5) preference to applicants who have completed or are well advanced towards the completion of their doctoral dissertation. The dissertation/project proposal must be approved by the time of application.

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	Yes		Amount: 400
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes		Amount: 100

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Prior to the start of internship, applicants are expected to have completed at least 1200 total practicum hours (assessment + intervention + supervision). Completed hours should be accurately listed in the APPI application, along with anticipated hours, and verified by the Director of Clinical Training. Any anticipated hours at the time of the AAPI submission should be explained fully in the applicant’s cover letter. In addition, applicants must be U.S. Citizens, and verification of citizenship is required prior to beginning internship. Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 to be eligible for any US government employment, including selection as a paid VA trainee.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	26,735	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	n/a	
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)	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	
Other Benefits (please describe): Dental and vision insurance, life insurance, professional development leave (e.g. dissertation defense, VA post-doctoral or employment interviews, professional conference attendance).		

*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	11	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	1	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	0	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	3	0
Hospital/Medical Center	2	0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	5	0
Psychiatric facility	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	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.