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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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Palo Alto Health Care System provides training consistent with the scientist-practitioner model of psychology. The internship program at VA Palo Alto is a member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science, which is a coalition of doctoral training programs and internship sites that share a common goal of producing and applying scientific knowledge to the assessment, understanding, and amelioration of human problems. Our membership in the Academy indicates that the Internship Program at VA Palo Alto is committed to excellence in scientific training and to using clinical science as the foundation for designing, implementing, and evaluating assessment and intervention procedures. Our program fits best with interns who have been trained as scientist-practitioners or clinical scientists at the graduate level.

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: 300
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes		Amount: 50

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Applicants must have completed least 3 years of graduate training and 800 total practicum hours by the start of internship. Preference is given to advanced candidates from scientist-practitioner or clinical science graduate programs who have defended their dissertation proposal at the time of application, show evidence of research scholarship in areas that complement the clinical training offered at VA Palo Alto, and are involved in professional organizations that fit with their professional goals.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$32,079	
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?		No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	192	
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	
<p>Other Benefits (please describe): Up to 10 days of professional leave may be granted for conference attendance, job or postdoc interviews, dissertation defense and graduation ceremony. Up to \$1000 can be approved for reimbursement of conference attendance registration and other educational course fees. Basic life insurance, free parking, and available public transit subsidy benefit. For more details on VA benefits, see https://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/benefits.asp.</p>		

*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	44	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	3	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	15	0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	23	1
Psychiatric facility	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	0
Other	1	1

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