

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data
 Date Program Tables are updated: Annually in August

Internship appointments are for 2080 hours, which is full-time for a one-year period from September 1 to August 31. These dates may vary slightly depending on HR procedures. The tentative start date for the 2023-24 training year is Friday, September 1, 2023. The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is an Equal Opportunity Employer and follows all federal guidelines regarding nondiscriminatory hiring practices. We strongly encourage minority and physically challenged candidates to apply. We strictly abide by the APPIC Uniform Notification Procedures. No person from our program will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

The APPIC guidelines can be accessed on the APPIC web site: <http://www.appic.org>

Program Disclosures

<p>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?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:</p>	
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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:

The VA Hudson Valley sponsors four internship positions each year. We review each internship application carefully to try to determine whether the applicant would be a good fit for our site. We rate applications based on several criteria: amount and quality of previous clinical experiences, academic performance (including scholarly and research achievements), general writing ability, ability to formulate clinical material, strength of recommendation letters, cultural competence, and level of interest in our program. Based on these ratings, we invite a select group of applicants for virtual or in-person interviews at our site in January. During the interview process, we try to get a sense of each applicant's personality, interests, clinical style, and response to supervision. Again, our goal is to determine who we feel will be the best match for what our program has to offer. For details regarding the application process and required materials, see instructions in the next section. We expect applicants to have had previous practicum training in psychotherapy and assessment, including basic proficiency in the administration and interpretation of a variety of assessment tools.

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		Amount:
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	N		Amount:

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

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

- Doctoral student in good standing at an APA-accredited, CPA-accredited, or PCSAS-accredited Clinical or Counseling doctoral psychology program
- Approved for internship by doctoral program Director of Clinical Training
- Completion of all coursework
- U.S. Citizenship
- U.S. Social Security Number
- Selective Service Registration
- Fingerprint Screening and Background Investigation
- Drug Testing 24
- Affiliation Agreement
- TQCVL (Trainee Qualifications and Credentials Verification Letter)
- Additional On-boarding Forms

Please see [Resources for Health Professions Trainees Coming to VA | Eligibility and Forms - Office of Academic Affiliations](#) for a more detailed description of these requirements.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$38,901.00	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	na	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	96	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	96	
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Other Benefits (please describe):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave time: 11 Federal holidays. • Requests for educational leave (up to 5 days) are granted for participation in conferences, trainings, post-doctoral or job interviews, or for dissertation related meetings. • The intern's training may be extended due to unexpected illness, parental leave, etc. to successfully complete the program. Issues related to extended leave are determined on a case-by-case basis; typically, interns must use all accrued sick and vacation time and then go on Leave Without Pay status until they are able to return to the program. • Benefits: Interns are eligible for medical coverage under the Federal Employee Healthcare Benefits insurance program. • On-site emergency health care is available. Interns are also eligible for transit benefits. • As temporary employees, interns may not participate in VA retirement programs. However, if interns are later employed by VA or another federal agency, they receive service credit for the internship year. • Liability insurance: When providing professional services at a VA healthcare facility, VA sponsored trainees acting within the scope of their educational programs are protected from personal liability under the Federal Employees Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act 28, U.S.C.2679 (b)-(d). 		

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

