

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System

Program Tables - Admissions, Support, and 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: | NA |
| 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: | |
| <p>Applicants must meet the following prerequisites to be considered for our program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doctoral student in a clinical or counseling psychology program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) 2. Approval for internship status by the graduate program training director 3. A minimum of 400 direct intervention and 100 direct assessment hours of supervised graduate level pre- internship practicum experience. There is a clear focus on the quality of training experiences rather than total hours. 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 results and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens. | |
| Selection Process | |

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| <p>Completed applications are initially reviewed by the Training Director to screen for basic eligibility. Enrollment in an APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral PhD or PsyD program in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined psychology or a Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) accredited program in Clinical Science is required. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA or CPA criteria for re-specialization training in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology are also eligible. Completion of the dissertation/project proposal is required. Applicants must be approved for internship by their program's Director of Clinical Training. After initial review by the Training Director, applications meeting basic eligibility requirements are reviewed by two staff psychologists and then ranked according to a number of specific criteria, including number of practicum hours, assessment and intervention experience; variety and quality of practicum placements; and letters of recommendation. Applicants' introduction letters and responses to essay questions on the AAPI application are also reviewed to gauge the "goodness of fit" between the student and our training site. We seek applicants who have a strong academic foundation from their university program and who have acquired basic skills in evidence-based assessment and intervention techniques through their practicum experiences.</p> | |
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| <p>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:</p> | |
| <p>Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours</p> | <p>Yes, Amount = 400</p> |
| <p>Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours</p> | <p>Yes, Amount = 100</p> |
| <p>Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:</p> | |
| <p>The program does not have additional screening criteria.</p> | |
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| <p>Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*</p> | |
| <p>Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns</p> | <p>33,469</p> |
| <p>Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns</p> | <p>NA</p> |
| <p>Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?</p> | <p>Yes</p> |

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| 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): | NA |
| *Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table | |
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| Initial Post-Internship Positions | |
| (Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts) | |
| Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts | 12 |
| Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree | 0 |
| Academic teaching | PD=0, EP=0 |
| Community mental health center | PD=0, EP=0 |
| Consortium | PD=1, EP=0 |
| University Counseling Center | PD=2, EP=0 |
| Hospital/Medical Center | PD=1, EP=0 |
| Veterans Affairs Health Care System | PD=6, EP =1 |
| Psychiatric facility | PD=0, EP =0 |
| Correctional facility | PD=0, EP =0 |
| Health maintenance organization | PD=0, EP =0 |
| School district/system | PD=0, EP =0 |
| Independent practice setting | PD=0, EP =1 |

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| Other | PD=0, EP =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. | |