

## Psychology Internship Program



### Cheyenne VA Health Care System

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<http://www.cheyenne.va.gov/>

**MATCH Number: 230211**

**Applications Due: November 17, 2023**

## ACCREDITATION STATUS

The doctoral internship at the Cheyenne VA Medical Center is fully **accredited** effective 8/6/2021 by the Commission on Accreditation (CoA) of the American Psychological Association (APA). We were awarded a 3-year reaccreditation. Our next site review will be held in April 2024.

Questions related to the program's accreditation status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation

American Psychological Association

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## Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

Program tables updated: October 2, 2023

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

1. Applicants must be enrolled and in good standing in an APA- or CPA- accredited clinical, counseling, or combined psychology program.
2. A minimum of 350 direct intervention and 50 direct assessment hours of supervised graduate level pre-internship experience.
3. Completion of comprehensive examination and proposal of their dissertation.
4. U.S. citizenship. VA is unable to consider applications from anyone who is not currently a U.S. citizen. Verification of citizenship is required following selection. All interns must complete a Certification of Citizenship in the United States prior to beginning VA training.
5. A male applicant 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. Male applicants must sign a pre-appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they can be processed into a training program. Exceptions can be granted only by the US Office of Personnel Management; exceptions are very rarely granted.
6. Matched interns are subject to fingerprinting and background checks. Match result and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens. Please view the following link for additional information regarding the background check: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/10450.html>
7. VA conducts drug screening exams on randomly selected personnel as well as new employees. Interns are not required to be tested prior to beginning work, but once on staff they are subject to random selection for testing as are other employees.

### Selection Process:

A selection committee comprised of psychologists reviews applications. Our selection criteria are based on “goodness-of-fit” with our scholar-practitioner model. Applicants will be evaluated individually on their clinical experiences, academic performance, scholarly background, and interests. The selection process may include information gained from internet and social media searches of applicants' names. Preference will be given to applicants with interests in rural, generalist training with an emphasis on interprofessional treatment. As an equal opportunity training program, the internship welcomes and strongly encourages applications from qualified candidates, regardless of gender, age, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, disability, or other minority status. Our internship emphasizes and promotes diversity; it is an essential component of our training program. We are committed to attracting diverse applicants and maintaining diversity within our intern cohorts. Students from diverse backgrounds (e.g., ethnicity/race, lifestyle, disability) and historically disadvantaged groups are strongly encouraged to apply. All things being equal, consideration is given to applicants who identify themselves as veterans; as members of historically underrepresented groups on the basis of racial or ethnic status; as representing diversity on the basis on sexual orientation; or as representing diversity on the basis of disability status. This agency

provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify Dr. Laurel Shiba by telephone (970-593-3300, ext. 2266) or email laurel.shiba@va.gov.

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	Amount: 350
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	Amount: 50

**Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:**

The program does has no additional screening criteria.

**Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year\***

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$33,469	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	Not Applicable	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>If access to medical insurance is provided:</b>		
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)	4 hrs every 2 wks	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	4 hrs every 2 wks	
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

Other Benefits (please describe):

\*\* In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, in certain circumstances at the discretion of the training program, interns may be allowed reasonable unpaid leave in excess of personal time off and sick leave. The training year will be extended as needed to ensure a full training year (minimum of 1872 hours on duty / 500 hours in direct patient care) is completed (may or may not be paid depending on availability of funds/approval from Office of Academic Affairs).

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

<b>Initial Post-Internship Positions</b>		
	<b>2020 – 2022</b>	
Total # of interns in these 3 cohorts	10	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	<b>PD</b>	<b>EP</b>
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	1	9
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	0	0
Community college or other teaching setting	0	0
Independent research institution	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	0	0
Unknown	0	0

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