

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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Internship Program Admissions

This internship is accredited by the American Psychological Association and adheres to the Scholar-Practitioner model of training. We have three (3) funded internship positions. It is the goal of the program to help interns to become competent and knowledgeable psychologists working with a long-term mentally ill adult inpatient population. The facility provides treatment using a multidisciplinary psychiatric rehabilitation model. The clinical training provides each intern with a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in assessment, consultation, and intervention with a diverse patient population. South Florida State Hospital internship offers two distinct tracks to interns. A Clinical Track is completed by two interns, and it includes two six-month rotations: Psychological Evaluation and Behavior Assessment & Consultation. There is a separate 12 month Clinical Forensic Track for applicants interested in forensic psychology issues. Therefore, applicants who are interested in the Clinical Forensic Track should indicate this interest in their cover letter and the application materials. Regardless of the intern's track, the intern will have the opportunity to build skills in the areas of forensics, psychological assessment, and behavior assessment and consultation, since all interns complete a core curriculum in clinical practice. Interns will have an opportunity to co-lead different psychoeducational groups, provide individual psychotherapy and complete psychological evaluations. They will have an opportunity to provide supervision, and will participate in diversity, forensic, and assessment seminars, and supervision of supervision group. Interns will also participate in multidisciplinary treatment team meetings.

The following requirements must be met in order to be considered for our program:

- U.S. citizenship
- Doctoral student in clinical or counseling psychology from an APA-accredited program.
- Completion of the APPI online application.
- Cover letter must specify which track the applicant is interested to apply. If an applicant is interested in applying to both tracks, that intention should be clearly stated, and their experience and training should support their interest.
- One sample of an integrated report from a practicum site.
- Certification of internship readiness by graduate program training director
- Completion of graduate program's comprehensive/qualifying examinations by ranking submission date
- Any offer of employment, including psychology internship, is contingent upon, but not limited to, the successful completion of the following: Level 2, Florida Department of Children and Families Background Investigation; Drug testing and pre-employment physical including Tuberculosis screening; Proof of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination if born after 1957; Mandatory 5 day facility Orientation which includes certification in "MANDT," our verbal de-escalation training process and Certified Pulmonary Resuscitation.

Due to public health precautions, selected applicants for the 2021-2022 training year would be invited to interview during the month of January via teleconference. The interview should last approximately one hour with the supervisors. An additional time would be allotted to speak with current interns about their experience. A tour of the facility and additional information about the program will be available through a video found on the internship website.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours	Yes	400
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes	75
Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:	Minimum of 600 hours of Supervision and Support Activities combined	

Please note: Due to the variation in training experiences this year as a result of the pandemic, the hours above would be flexible, depending on the applicant's circumstances and previous training.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns: \$24,960
 Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns: Not Applicable

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): 10

Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave: 0

In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns in excess of personal time off and sick leave? Negotiated on a case by case basis

Other Benefits (please describe): Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Vision Insurance, Professional Development Time, Free Lunch at Hospital's Cafeteria

Initial Post-Internship Positions

2017-2020

Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts:	8
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they Returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0

	PD	EP
Community mental health center	N/A	N/A
Federally qualified health center	N/A	N/A
Independent primary care facility/clinic	N/A	N/A
University counseling center	N/A	N/A
Veterans Affairs medical center	N/A	N/A
Military health center	N/A	N/A
Academic health center	N/A	N/A
Other medical center or hospital	1	N/A
Psychiatric hospital	5	N/A
Academic university/department	N/A	N/A
Community college or other teaching setting	N/A	N/A
Independent research institution	N/A	N/A
Correctional facility	N/A	N/A
School district/system	N/A	N/A
Independent practice setting	N/A	1
Not currently employed	N/A	N/A
Changed to another field	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	1
Unknown	N/A	N/A

Note: "PD"— Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position