

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

Internship Program Admissions

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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:

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 Rebecca Bailly, PhD by telephone (307-778-7550 x7215) or email (Rebecca.Bailly@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 not have addition screening criteria.

Please see next page for information regarding financial and other benefit support for the upcoming training year.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$26,166	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	Not Applicable	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	4 hours every two weeks (96 to 104 hours)	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	4 hours every two weeks (96 to 104 hours)	
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**	No
<p>Other Benefits (please describe):</p> <p>** Note: 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. However, the training year may need to be extended to accrue the necessary hours for successful completion of the internship.</p> <p>More information regarding VA stipends and benefits is available at 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

Please see next page for data regarding prior interns' post-internship positions.

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2016-2019	
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	1	
	PD	EP
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	2	3
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	1	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	1	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 should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.