

# Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial 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. \_\_\_\_\_ YES      X   No*

## **Internship Program Admissions**

The Will County Health Department's Clinical Training program offers a 12-month, 2000-hour, American Psychological Association (APA) accredited Doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology. The Doctoral Internship Program is grounded in a scholar-practitioner model and is designed to provide a broad-based professional training experience in psychological service delivery. The internship is designed to provide excellent training and supervision in the various activities and responsibilities practiced by a professional psychologist. The training staff is highly committed to an internship program that encourages participants to gain a broad exposure to a variety of professional activities and services with diverse populations that exist in a community setting. At the completion of the internship, interns will be prepared to assume positions of responsibility within the profession.

The program utilizes a developmental approach wherein the internship is organized in a cumulative and sequential manner advancing to increased degrees of complexity as the year progresses. This developmental approach is followed in both the didactic trainings as well as in experiential activities. In following the developmental approach, interns first undergo a comprehensive and thorough orientation to the agency over a 4-week period. Fundamental skills and knowledge are initially emphasized as a foundation for more complex skills, clinical issues and applications. The intent of this approach is to foster and maintain interns' continued growth and development within a safe learning environment.

## **Intern Selection**

The internship demands maturity and motivation, as well as interests, skills and prior academic and practicum experiences that match the program's goals and objectives. The Clinical Training Program Committee shall select interns from among eligible applicants on the basis of their preparedness, academic credentials, strong work ethic, clinical experiences, and ability to perform independently as well as within a multidisciplinary team. No individual at the Will County Health Department will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

## **Practicum and Academic Preparation Requirements:**

1. A Bachelor's or Master's degree in a mental health or equivalent field obtained by the start of internship
2. Three years (or equivalent) of graduate school at an APA accredited, degree-granting clinical or counseling doctoral psychology program
3. Completion of all relevant coursework and successful passing of all comprehensive or qualifying exams
4. 1200 hours of supervised Practicum training that includes both psychodiagnostic testing and intervention in the form of direct face-to-face delivery of psychological services
5. All applicants must be approved for internship status by the Director of Training of their graduate program

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

### **Yes**

- Direct Contact Intervention Hours – minimum 150 hours by October 1 of the application year
- Direct Contact Assessment Hours - minimum 75

## **Other Required Minimum Criteria Used to Screen Applicants:**

- Current enrollment in an APA doctoral program in counseling or clinical psychology
- Completion of all formal course work, practicum, comprehensive and clinical qualifying examinations
- Completion of a minimum of three years of graduate training

- Completion of a minimum of 1200 practicum hours, at least 400 of which were in direct provision of clinical services

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

- Annual stipend for Full-time interns - \$ 33,000
- Annual stipend for Part-time interns – NA
- Program provides access to medical insurance for interns? - 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? - Yes
- Provide hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation) and hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave? - No
- Interns receive 4 hours of paid release time to be used for research or dissertation work - Yes
- 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

### **Initial Post-Internship Positions**

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

- Total number of interns who were in the 3 cohorts: 4
- Total number of interns who did not seek employment because
- they returned to their doctoral program/are completing their doctoral degree: 0

In this section, indicate both PD (Post-doctoral Residency Position) and EP (Employed Position) for each item.

Health maintenance organization

School district/system

\*NOTE: Each individual represented in this section should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.

Academic teaching

Community mental health center

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Consortium

University Counseling Center

Hospital/Medical Center

Veterans Affairs Health Care System

Psychiatric facility

Correctional facility

Private Practice

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Other