The Psychology Internship Program

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The Psychology Internship Program

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System offers fully-accredited APA internships in Clinical and Counseling Psychology. American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First St., N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242. The website is [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org), and the phone number is (202) 336-5979. Internships are full-time (2080 hours) and consist of two/three major rotations (three or six months in duration), plus supplemental rotations based on interns' training needs and areas of interest. The Hudson Valley Health Care System offers opportunities to work with a diverse patient population in a variety of clinical settings. Weekly seminars and one-to-one supervision provide specialized training in a range of assessment and treatment modalities. In addition, interns are offered support for their dissertations, and have access to a rich array of professional education within the hospital and in the New York metropolitan area.

The Hudson Valley Health Care System

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System (HVHCS) includes two campuses, Montrose and Castle Point. Montrose is a psychiatric facility providing inpatient, residential, nursing home care, and outpatient mental health services. Castle Point is a medical, surgical, and nursing home facility which also provides outpatient mental health services. Montrose is situated in Westchester County, some 30 miles north of New York City, easily accessed from New Jersey and Connecticut. Castle Point is 30 minutes north of Montrose and is located in Dutchess County. There are also seven satellite clinics in locations ranging from lower Westchester to Ulster County. These clinics offer extensive outpatient medical and psychological services in the surrounding communities.

The Role of Psychology and the VA Mission

In the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System psychologists provide comprehensive clinical services. Psychologists function as members of multidisciplinary treatment teams, provide direct clinical services, consultation, and testing. Psychologists have been part of the Medical Staff for more than 30 years.

The VA mission and the requirements of professional training guide the Psychology Internship Training Program (ITP). The ITP structure is reviewed and updated to appropriately address the ever-changing training needs of the Profession of Psychology and in support of the VA mission for patient care. All program decisions, including selection of training sites and development of seminars, are informed by these principles.

With the opening of community clinics, use of Telehealth, use of Clinical Video Telehealth, and Home-Based Care Services, the Hospital's outreach efforts have enhanced access to treatment for thousands of Veterans. Psychological services are provided to a wide range of patients in the greater metropolitan area, including historically underserved minority and low-income Veterans. Training
that promotes the intern understanding of the role of cultural factors in individual psychological functioning, is enhanced by HVHCS access to a culturally diverse environment.

The Psychology Internship Program Training Model
The term Practitioner-Scholar, emphasizing the "mutuality of science and practice, "provides the primary model for internship training. The Practitioner-Scholar model is reflected in our Aim for training. This aim is to train Interns in the achievement of the nine Profession-wide competency areas necessary for proficient practice as an early career psychologist. Training experience is acquired through clinical practice informed by scholarly inquiry rather than by involvement in laboratory research. Students are trained to think critically and engage in disciplined inquiry, taking into account individual, cultural, and societal considerations in their treatment of patients.

Consistent with the Practitioner-Scholar training model, the ITP strives to develop proficiencies in clinical assessment and intervention, promote a reliance on professional research and literature, and develop a sense of professional identity and functioning in patient treatment. Interns are expected to become sophisticated consumers of the research literature, and are urged to consider empirical findings in their clinical work through hypothesis testing, awareness of bias, and critical evaluation of clinical interventions. Training in Evidenced Based Practices (EBP) is provided as a component of the ITP along with consultation throughout the training year. Appropriate time is allotted for EBP training.

The VA HVHCS's Internship Training Program prepares students for professional practice as psychologists, facilitating their ability to provide a wide array of services to a diverse patient population. We expect that interns will be capable of entry-level autonomous practice at the end of the training year, and strive to achieve this by concentrating on the development of accepted profession-wide competencies which are evaluated throughout the internship year with formal assessments. Based on these competencies and the science of psychology, our training integrates theory with practice, providing experiences that are sequential, cumulative, and graded in complexity.

Although the primary training method is experiential, it is augmented by weekly seminars covering a broad range of topics. We place a strong emphasis on education, prioritize educational activities over the administrative demands of the health care system, and provide opportunities for diverse training experiences. Seminars involve interns surveying the recent literature and discussing implications in clinical practice. Interns are not required to conduct empirical research during training, however many are involved in completing their own dissertations, collection of Hospital-Based Performance Improvement Data, and evaluation of Program/Treatment efficacy. Consideration is given to students who may need to return to home campuses for data collection or to meet with dissertation committees.
The internship program is committed to the close supervision of interns and believes that much learning occurs through opportunities for observation and role-modeling. All of our supervisors are involved in direct patient care and have frequent contact with interns in treatment teams and co-therapy. Supervision is focused not only on specific treatment considerations, but on the intern’s personal and professional growth, which is considered essential to the development of a competent practitioner-scholar.

**Cultural Diversity**
We believe interns not only benefit from the range of perspectives brought by a culturally diverse staff, but that the experience of treating individuals from varying cultural and ethnic backgrounds is crucial to their professional development.

Patients and staff at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System represent a diverse mix of individuals. As a result, interns have opportunities to collaborate with staff and treat patients from a variety of ethnic, cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We recognize the importance of having our professional staff reflect this diversity, and have attracted and retained staff members from minority groups.

Several venues are provided to enhance the understanding of cultural issues in treatment. Internship seminars address issues relevant to minority Veterans including race, and ethnicity. These seminars incorporate relevant literature and provide the opportunity to focus on cultural considerations. We address concerns specific to Women Veterans as well as LGBT issues.

**AIMS, TRAINING, COMPETENCIES, AND OUTCOMES**
The Internship Training Program’s aim is train Interns in the achievement of the nine Profession-wide competency areas necessary for proficient practice as an early career psychologist. The Program thus provides interns with the necessary training opportunities to build upon their already existing competencies and support them in their progression toward proficiency. The competencies areas are:

- a. Research
- b. Ethical and legal standards
- c. Individual and cultural diversity
- d. Professional values, attitudes, and behaviors
- e. Communication and interpersonal skills
- f. Assessment
- g. Intervention
- h. Supervision
- i. Consultation and interprofessional/interdisciplinary skills

Each of the above competencies are achieved through engagement in multiple training opportunities. Clinical experiences and educational activities throughout the training year assist interns in achieving these standards. Progression toward
such achievement is evaluated with feedback provided to interns on a regular basis.

The intern rotations, both major and supplemental, vary in their level of complexity, learning opportunities and types of clinical experiences. Most rotations can be tailored to some degree to provide the intern with the specific training experience required to achieve the Program’s aim of developing psychologists able to function appropriately in each of the aforementioned profession-wide competency areas. For example, an intern who has not yet demonstrated proficiency in group therapy techniques can be assigned to co-lead a group on almost any rotation, or interns not yet competent in performing initial assessments can include, as part of their rotation, an increased opportunity to perform this specific clinical function. Therefore, although two interns may complete the same rotation, their training experience may vary based on their identified needs.

In order to establish an a graded level of training to address the needs of interns as they progress through their rotations, the Intern Training Committee (ITC) was developed. The ITC includes supervisors, training directors, and any staff involved in the training of interns. The ITC meets regularly and as needed to review each intern’s progress, assessments, and feedback, and ongoing plans for training. The ITC also monitors individual intern progress towards achieving competencies in all of the identified training areas. The Training Directors, based on the Intern Competency Assessments (completed quarterly), feedback from supervisors, and input from Interns, can track each intern’s progress and record which areas of competence have already been achieved and which require additional training or remediation.

Training Elements for Development of Competencies
Clinical Training
1) Major Rotations:
Interns are assigned to 2-3 Major Rotations, lasting three or six months in duration. These rotations can take place on the PTSD and/or Substance Abuse Treatment residential units, and/or the Acute Psychiatry unit. Interns spend approximately two-thirds of their week fulfilling responsibilities in these placements. They function as full members of treatment teams and provide assessment, therapy, testing, and clinical case management, including disposition planning.

2) Supplemental Rotations:
Interns will also be involved in one or more Supplemental Rotations that are estimated to occupy about eight hours each week. These may include Neuropsychology, Evidence-Based Treatments, Primary Care, Outpatient Mental Health, the Dialectical Behavior Therapy Team, and Geriatric Extended/Palliative Care. These additional rotation experiences afford the opportunity to engage in longer-term individual and group psychotherapy as
well as experiences that are catered to the intern's training needs and interests.

3) Supervision:
Interns work with a minimum of three supervisors during each phase of their training, and are exposed to a variety of theoretical perspectives. Supervision is weekly, individual, and face-to-face, lasting at least one hour for all major, supplemental, and testing rotations. In addition, interns who co-lead groups receive supervision for that experience. Interns are encouraged to consult with supervisors, team members, or other clinical staff as the need arises. Seminars in individual and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, and other topics add two and a half hours of group supervision each week. In addition, interns are provided with weekly face-to-face supervision for Evidence Based Practices (Cognitive Processing Therapy) for the year. Interns are also provided with the opportunity to join the Dialectal Behavior Therapy Team. Neuropsychological testing is supervised on an individual basis for those who elect to work in this specialty area.

We consider weekly face-to-face meetings and a collegial relationship between intern and supervisor essential to a quality learning experience. Video/audiotaping may be used to review therapy sessions and enhance the richness of both treatment and supervisory experiences.

1) Major Rotation Supervisor:
This is typically a psychologist who is a member of the residential or inpatient treatment team and is responsible for overseeing the clinical assignment of the intern.

2) Supplemental Rotation Supervisor:
This psychologist supervisor works with the intern on managing their supplemental/outpatient clinical caseload. Psychologists who provide services in the same setting often invite interns to co-lead established therapy groups.

3) Testing Supervisor:
Each intern has a psychologist to supervise psychodiagnostic testing who oversees testing referral questions, instrument selection, completion of required test batteries (consisting of both projective and empirical measures), analyses of results, and report writing.

Educational Activities:
The Internship Training Program offers numerous weekly seminars. Some follow a case conference model, others are didactic or experiential. Seminars are presented by members of the Mental Health Care Line and reflect intern interests, as well as current topics in the field. Recent offerings have included individual psychotherapy, psychodiagnostic testing, and group psychotherapy.
case conferences. An overview of neuropsychology is offered throughout the year as well as a seminar on use of the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5). Brief courses in crisis intervention have included assessment of suicidality and managing violent patients. Seminars address Ethical Standards, Multicultural and Diversity Issues, Forensic Psychology and treatment concerns regarding transference/countertransference and management of boundaries. Recently added seminars include training in providing supervision, the Psychology Licensing Exam, issues specific to newer era Veterans, treating Military Sexual Trauma (MST), and treating Complex Trauma.

The Psychodiagnostic seminar meets biweekly and is an opportunity for interns to present and discuss assessment cases, share experiences, and refine assessment skills.

In addition to these programs, there are three other educational resources available to the intern: bi-weekly Continuing Education presentations, case conferences, and numerous educational opportunities in the New York metropolitan area. Interns may be asked to present cases at a hospital-wide Grand Rounds, which is held monthly during the academic year.

**Supervisory Faculty**
Doctoral level licensed psychologists have primary clinical responsibility for supervised cases and provide the vast majority of supervision in our program. Training is also provided by mental health professionals from allied disciplines, such as nursing, psychiatry, and social work, who serve as adjunct supervisors and consultants.

For the sake of consistency, and to the extent possible, much of the supervision is held at the same time each week. This is also true of seminars, which are planned around conflicting demands of various rotation schedules. Beyond these routine sessions, much supervision occurs informally. In addition to maintaining an open door policy, supervisors and other clinical staff interact with interns frequently throughout the day. Typically the workday begins with an interdisciplinary team meeting to discuss new admissions and review current patients. On the units and in the clinics, psychotherapy and psychoeducational groups may be co-led by interns and psychologists or other professionals. Supervision for this work often occurs as an adjunct to regularly scheduled sessions.

**Intern/Staff Relations**
The hallmark of our Internship Training Program is one of close collaboration between interns and psychology staff. This is achieved through formal supervision in conjunction with ample opportunities to observe, interact, and participate with clinical staff in the provision of treatment. Most important, it is reflected in a collegial regard for interns and commitment to providing opportunities for professional growth. Supervisors work closely and collaboratively with interns.
Interns are encouraged to pursue specialized research or training goals and may join staff on projects of mutual interest.

Interdisciplinary team meetings provide opportunities for interns to work closely with staff from other disciplines, including psychiatry, social work, nursing, medicine, recreation, art therapy, peer support specialist services, and music therapy. These meetings allow for cross-fertilization of ideas, and enhance the intern’s understanding of the unique role of psychology in the patient’s treatment.

Training Program at Hudson Valley Health Care System

Training Experiences:

1) Major Rotations (2-3 rotations; three or six months in duration):

Interns are assigned to three Major Rotations throughout the year. These rotations take place on the PTSD and Substance Abuse Treatment Program residential units, and Acute Psychiatry unit. Interns spend approximately two-thirds of their week fulfilling responsibilities in these placements. Each Intern will be provided a Supervisor to supervise experiences on these units.

I. Residential Units:

A. Residential Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Unit:

This 24 bed unit assesses and provides intensive treatment of Veterans who experienced trauma related to their military service. Treatment is exposure based for 45 days, and up to one week of community integration. Assessment procedures include an extensive psychological history, with detailed evaluation of the precipitating traumatic events. The unit, structured as a therapeutic milieu, focuses on the sequelae of trauma, with most treatment provided in group formats. Interns serve as treatment coordinators providing individual psychotherapy as well as leading/co-leading groups. Therapy promotes social skills, problem-solving, individual responsibility, and appropriate management of anger. Couples or family treatment may be offered for those Veterans who have maintained family relationships. This unit is coordinated by a psychologist, and is required for all interns as a six-month rotation.

B. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SARTP):

The 32-day, intensive substance abuse treatment program, combines offers the Veteran both group and individual therapy. The objective of the SATP-R is to provide the Veteran with a drug-free environment so that s/he may work towards sustained sobriety by achieving a better understanding of the forces that have led to their addiction, and by developing coping skills to deal more effectively with relapse issues. The program utilizes a mixture of “best practices,” Cognitive Behavioral and Seeking Safety, in addition to a wide variety of group treatment interventions and educational groups. The mission of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program-Residential Section is an outgrowth of the
overall VA HVHCS’s mission. The program’s mission is to provide the highest quality, cost effective, substance abuse care in the residential setting, so that Veterans may achieve their highest level of functioning. Couples or family treatment may be offered for those Veterans who have maintained family relationships. This unit is available to interns as a three-month or six-month rotation.

C. Acute Psychiatry Unit (4CD):
Acute Psychiatry provides interns an opportunity for intensive treatment and evaluation experience with Veterans in an acute phase of illness on a 28-bed locked inpatient psychiatric unit. The primary focus of this rotation is to foster the development of beginning competence and comfort with the acute phases of psychopathology of severe mental illness. This rotation includes diagnostic evaluation of psychopathology and psychosocial issues, rapid assessment training, interdisciplinary care planning and individual and group psychotherapeutic interventions. The intern’s training includes:

1. Screening assessments including mental status, cognitive and neuropsychological screening, psychiatric symptom inventory, substance use, functional status, and psychosocial support system review.
2. Psychological evaluation of hospitalized Veterans, including clinical interviewing, psychosocial history, collateral family/support interviews, personality evaluation, and assessment of psychopathology. Training includes rapid psychological assessment techniques.
4. Interdisciplinary team participation, including staffing and development of multidisciplinary treatment plans.
5. Acute psychological interventions including individual and group psychotherapy, and behavioral management planning.

**Supplementary opportunities may be available that coincide with this rotation supervisor’s position as Clinical Coordinator of Inpatient Service, Chairwoman of the Mental Health Performance Improvement Workgroup, and Chairwoman of the Mental Health Environment of Care Committee. Supervisor also participates in Mental Health Clinical Council monthly where unit statistics are presented. The intern may have the opportunity to participate in ongoing program improvement projects and processes, and gain exposure to LEAN Six-Sigma process improvement strategies. There may be opportunities to present to members of executive leadership.
2) Supplemental Rotations (6 or 12 months in duration):
The intern will also be involved in one or more Supplemental Rotations that are estimated to occupy about eight hours each week (7 hrs-clinical, 1 hour-supervision). These may include Neuropsychology, Evidence-Based Treatments (DBT, CPT, CBT-I), Primary Care, Outpatient Mental Health (Group/Individual therapy) and Geriatric/Extended Care and Palliative/Hospice Care. These experiences may be combined based upon Intern’s preference or in order to ensure a comprehensive training experience. Each Intern will be provided a Supervisor to supervise these training experiences.

II. Other Training Opportunities/Rotations:
   A. Neuropsychology:
      In the Health Care System neuropsychological services, including cognitive assessment and rehabilitation, are provided by specially trained psychologists. Referrals for neuropsychological services may come from any setting in the Health Care System. Requests include evaluation of the effects of closed head injuries, CVAs, neoplasm, epilepsy, exposure to toxins, pre-senile dementia, or medical disorders causing metabolic changes within the brain. More recently, Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are evaluated for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Interns that elect to work in this area are supervised for each of their cases. In addition, they have the opportunity to pursue research interests in this field.

   B. Evidence-Based Treatments (DBT, CPT, CBT-I):
      Most psychologists and other clinical staff throughout the Health Care System are trained in multiple Evidenced-Based Treatments. All interns are trained on-site in Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and many have been able to participate in other evidenced based models including Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for the treatment of Insomnia (CBT-I). Interns are asked to complete 2 CPT individual cases throughout the course of the year in order to obtain certification and can participate in other Evidenced-Based Treatments based on interest and training needs. The Health Care System has a DBT treatment team that includes individual therapy, group skills training, and DBT Team Meetings.

   C. Primary Care/Outpatient Mental Health:
      Interns on the Primary Care/Mental Health rotation, work under the supervision of a psychologist. This can include participation with primary care services or more general duties with referrals from the outpatient mental health services. Primary care duties include completing evaluations of Veterans referred by primary care or a specialty clinic. On average, the intern can anticipate completing two evaluations a day, spending 1 hour interviewing the Veteran and 1 hour
completing the necessary documentation. The interns also complete brief triage assessments for about 15 to 20 minutes. There is the possibility to complete neuropsychological screening (i.e., R-Bans) as well. In addition there is the opportunity to develop a caseload of short term individual patients with mild diagnoses. Through Outpatient Mental Health, the Intern will have the opportunity to treat a number of individual patients with varying psychological issues for whom they provide psychotherapy for all or part of the internship year. They may also co-lead on-going therapy groups, and provide assessments for new referrals.

D. Geriatric/Extended Care and Palliative/Hospice Care Rotation:
The Geriatric/Extended Care and Palliative/Hospice includes treatment duration ranges from short-stay rehabilitation to long-term care to end-of-life palliative/hospice care. This service includes patients with complex medical and psychological conditions and various services occur on both hospital campuses. The interdisciplinary treatment team includes a Physician, Social Worker, Nursing, Recreation, Physical/Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Dietary, and Psychiatry. The intern can also work with the Palliative Care Consult Team, which includes a Nurse Practitioner, Chaplin, Social Worker and Physician. Interns are responsible for providing individual therapy, completing initial clinical assessments, providing consultative feedback to treatment team members, mental status assessment and monitoring, and assisting unit staff with behavioral management issues. This rotation also provides an opportunity to work with families.

E. Consultation:
The intern's role as a consultant is narrowly defined as testing provided by interns to treatment teams seeking psychological or neuropsychological assessments to answer diagnostic questions and to help develop appropriate treatment goals. Requests for testing consultation are initiated by the patient's treatment team or by a member of the team. When the testing is completed, the intern provides feedback to the staff that initiated the consultation, and prepares a formal presentation to be made to the treatment team, the patient, and possibly the patient's family. The intern addresses issues of diagnosis, psychological and cognitive functioning, and provides recommendations for treatment.

F. Research:
Interns conduct case conferences for hospital staff. They are also expected to share their clinical knowledge with Treatment Teams and provide guidance about research-based interventions to interdisciplinary staff. Interns are encouraged to pursue independent research or complete work on dissertations. To this end, staff is
available as mentors to help clarify ideas and find solutions to many of the practical problems inherent in research. Additionally, while Interns are not required to conduct empirical research during training, many are involved in supporting programs with collection of Performance Improvement Data and evaluating Program and Treatment efficacy. This data is collected, analyzed, and presented to the Care Line and within programs to improve service delivery and effectiveness.

G. Move Program:
Interns have the opportunity to facilitate a monthly psychoeducational program to overweight Veterans focusing on the behavioral and emotional factors which can contribute to overeating. The emphasis in this training opportunity is health psychology.

3) Assessment:
Interns are expected to complete 10 comprehensive assessment reports (1 sample + 9 Intern-administered batteries) during the internship year. A completed report will be due at the end of each month, September (sample data provided) through June. Each Intern will be assigned a Testing Supervisor.

4) Educational Activities:
Interns will participate in weekly seminars. Thursdays, from 11:30-4:30, is designated for these didactic seminars.

Expected seminars include:
1. Group Supervision (2x/month)
2. Diagnostic Seminar (2x/ month)
3. Meeting with training directors (1x/month)
4. Cognitive Processing Therapy supervision (every week)
5. Peer Supervision/Intern Lunch (every week)
6. Ethics (1x/month)
7. Forensic psychology (2x/year)
8. OEF/OIF/OND issues (1x/year)
9. Smoking cessation (1x/year)
10. Treatment of insomnia (1x/year)
11. Transference/Counter-transference (2x/year)
12. Military Sexual Trauma (2x/year)
13. Art Therapy (1x/year)
14. Supervision (1x/per year)
15. Multicultural issues (1x/month)
16. Suicide Prevention (1x/year)
17. Motivational Interviewing and other Evidence Based Practices (4x/year)
IV. Outcomes and Program Effectiveness
Evaluate Interns’ Competencies
The Hudson Valley Health Care System Internship Training Program is committed to an ongoing assessment of our Training Program. Supervisors assess the intern's development and provide on-going feedback. Formal assessments are completed at three, six, nine, and twelve months. Ongoing outcome data are collected on current interns to determine the Training Program's effectiveness in achieving our goals and objectives. This is accomplished with the Intern Training Committee (which serves to monitor interns’ progress towards achieving competencies in all of the identified profession-wide competency areas as well as feedback from interns and program evaluations) and the Residency Review Board (which meets to evaluate all training programs in the hospital along with their delivery of training). The Residency Review Board includes a Student Liaison who provides feedback from all students involved in training.

At the end of each rotation, interns assess the training program and rate their experience along dimensions of clinical interest and professional relevance. They are asked to consider interpersonal aspects of their assignments such as openness of staff to their perspectives, and treatment teams’ willingness to integrate new members. They rate their supervisors in terms of professional knowledge, availability, interest in supervision, and flexibility.

Internship program alumni
Data (Distal Data) are also collected from graduates from the Internship Training Program to provide a greater wealth of information relevant to the relationship between the internship experience and changing standards of practice. Included on this form are data regarding Assessment and Diagnostics, Psychotherapy, Consultation, Ethics and Professional Conduct, the Scientific Basis of Practice, and Cultural Diversity. These are essentially the competencies we also measure to assess the Internship training goals and objectives. Data are collected from former interns to determine if state licensure was obtained.

V. Primacy of Treatment
We place a strong emphasis on the educational needs of interns and ensure that these needs take precedence over the administrative demands of the Health Care System. We do this by prioritizing critical elements of the training experience as opposed to activities such as generation of revenue. We limit the intern's caseload to what is appropriate to their learning needs and relieve them of unit responsibilities to attend scheduled seminars, outside training, and supervision. We believe interns should be treated as professionals and that demands on
their time should not exceed the expectations of permanent staff, and should focus on the intern’s training experience.

**Administrative Issues and Application Procedures:**

The internship begins September 1 and concludes August 31. There are four permanent full-time positions, for the upcoming year 2018-2019 there is an additional full time position each with a stipend of $29,967.

**Applicants must be U.S. citizens** who are doctoral candidates in an **APA approved** graduate program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology.

- Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, APPIC Application Form, transcript of graduate school courses, two letters of recommendation, and approval from the university Chairperson indicating that necessary preparations for an internship have been completed. For deadline for submitting applications consult APPIC directory.
- Training Directors are Yitzchak Rosman, Psy.D. & Francesca Pacaud-Parker, Ph.D., CASAC
- For any questions contact Linda Bardes-Cummings, Administrative Assistant, Psychology Internship Training Program, 914-737-4400 Ext. 3428.
- Interviews will be held at the Montrose Campus.
- Interviews will be completed by January 31; deadline for scheduling appointments is December 31.
- Our Internship Program complies fully with policies of the Association of Psychology Post-Doctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) regarding offer and acceptance of internship positions.
- The Federal Government requires that male applicants to VA positions who were born after 12-31-59 must sign a Pre-appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they are employed. It is not necessary to submit this form with the application, but if you are selected for this internship and fit the above criteria, you will have to sign it.
- More information regarding administrative policies for interns including specific information about leave policies, grievances and other information is available upon request. The following further information is available upon written request to the internship:
  - Information regarding training staff and their interests
  - Further information on intern performance evaluation
  - Procedures for intern feedback, advisement, retention, and termination
  - Due process and grievance procedures for interns and training staff
  - Requirements for completion of the internship
  - Any other administrative policies and procedures
Directions:

From Upper New York
- Route 84 to Exit 13 – Route 9 South to Welcher Avenue Exit (Route 9A)
- Follow Route 9A to FDR VA Hudson Valley Health Care System on right.
- OBSERVE SPEED LIMIT. Follow posted signs to parking area.

From New York City
- Take NY Thruway (Route 87) to Tarrytown Exit (last exit before Tappan Zee Bridge) Route 9.
- Follow Route 9 North to Montrose Exit (Route 9A).
- Left turn on Route 9A, proceed to FDR VA Hudson Valley Health Care System on left.

From New Jersey
- Take Palisades Parkway to Bear Mountain Bridge. Cross bridge and follow Route 6/Route 202 (Peekskill).
- Bear right on traffic circle and follow signs for Routes 9/202/6 – Peekskill.
- Stay on Route 9 South and exit at Welcher Avenue (Route 9A). Continue to FDR VA Hudson Valley Health Care System on right.
Additional Program Data (consistent with Standard C-27i)

Internship Program Admissions

Date Program Tables are updated: September

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:

Program Overview: The program rotations consist of both residential/inpatient training as well as outpatient treatment. The PTSD Residential Program and Acute Psychiatry Unit serve as placement for about 2/3 of the week, while the remaining 1/3 of the week is occupied with outpatient, assessment and didactic activities. Group and Individual Therapy opportunities are abundant.

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 | Y | Amount:600 |
| Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours   | Y | Amount:150 |

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

The above numbers reflect clinical work completed by the start of Internship. Applicants with less hours at time of application are encouraged to describe how they plan to reach these amounts by start of Internship.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

| Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns | $29,967. |
| Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns | n/a |
| Program provides access to medical insurance for intern? | Yes | No |

If access to medical insurance is provided:

| Trainee contribution to cost required? | Yes | No |
| Coverage of family member(s) available? | Yes | No |
| Coverage of legally married partner available? | Yes | No |
| Coverage of domestic partner available? | Yes | No |
| Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation) | 100 |
| Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave | 100 |

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 (see below)
Initial Post-Internship Positions
(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

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