

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:

The internship program's selection process is designed to identify doctoral candidates who are comfortable providing individual and group psychotherapy in the context of community mental health clinical practice. Interns shall have completed a minimum of two years of practicum. At least one year of practicum, or practicum-equivalent work experience must consist of treating children and/or adolescents. They must demonstrate that they have experience working with diverse clientele, are familiar with evidence-informed/based interventions, and have experience providing multiculturally informed, thoughtful case formulation and interventions as well as a record of meeting legal and ethical standards in prior practice.

Applicants are expected to be familiar with the components of a standardized test battery for adults, and appropriate measures for assessing children. Interns participate in assessment training and consultation group each week. Minimum proficiency (i.e. administrating, scoring, interpreting with several integrative reports) in the following tests is expected: WAIS, WISC and/or WASI. They are required to have conducted and written at least two integrated psychological assessment batteries, and must submit one written report with their application.

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	Yes	No	500 hours
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes	No	10-25 hours

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Academic Standing: all interns must be enrolled in the Palo Alto University/Pacific Graduate School of Psychology APA-accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology or in the APA-accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology at the Wright Institute.

Prior to Start of Internship: Interns must have advanced to candidacy. They must be prepared to submit fingerprints for clearance through Livescan.

Health Clearance: All interns are required to have the physical and mental ability to perform the essential duties of the internship in both clinical and community practice settings with reasonable accommodation if applicable. Interns are required annually to provide evidence that they are clear from infection with tuberculosis.

Other Helpful Qualifications:

- Spanish language fluency a plus
- Flexibility to work in various environments
- Ability to collaborate and work with a multidisciplinary team.

Selection Process:

Our internship program is exclusively affiliated with Palo Alto University and the Wright Institute. As affiliated programs, all applicants are required to be doctoral students who have been advanced to candidacy at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University or at the Wright Institute. Applications are submitted through the APPIC Portal. Selected applicants will be interviewed by the Training Director, the Latinx Program Director, and/or supervisors as appropriate.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$25,000 (plus \$1200 in benefits from their respective doctoral programs)	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns		
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)	2 weeks vacation	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	8 hours monthly	
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	No
Other Benefits (please describe): Time Off: 2 weeks of paid vacation plus sick time accrual at 8 hours per month and 10 CHAC Holidays.		

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

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2019-2022	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	23	
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		1
Federally qualified health center		
Independent primary care facility/clinic		
University counseling center	1	
Veterans Affairs medical center		
Military health center		
Academic health center	2	
Other medical center or hospital	5	1
Psychiatric hospital		1
Academic university/department	2	
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		1
School district/system		
Independent practice setting		9
Not currently employed		
Changed to another field		
Other		
Unknown		

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.