

# Internship Program 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. Doctoral student in clinical or counseling psychology program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)
2. Approval for internship status by graduate program training director
3. At least 250 hours of clinical intervention, face-to-face experience (excluding supervision hours), and 50 hours of assessment, face-to-face (excluding supervision) are required for internship.
4. There is a clear focus on training experiences rather than total hours.
5. U.S. citizenship
6. Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26
7. Matched interns are subject to fingerprinting, background checks, and urine drug screens. Match result and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens.

**Selection Process** The Psychology Service abides by the Department of Veterans Affairs commitment to ensuring equal opportunity (EEO), and promoting diversity and inclusion, all applicable Federal EEO laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and Management Directives. The Miami VA Healthcare System Psychology Service is committed to upholding an inclusive environment so that the associated stakeholders, (Veterans, patients, supervised trainees, staff psychologists, technical and clerical staff) feel encouraged and supported to incorporate all aspects of themselves into their experience at our facility. We believe that the honoring of the unique aspects of each individual is compulsory for the optimal development of highly qualified, effective and satisfied professionals, and ultimately, improves the quality of the services that we provide to our Veterans. All applications are reviewed by members of the Psychology Training Committee, whose members include internship supervisors, in November and December. Applicants are asked to choose a primary and secondary emphasis area (Health Psychology, Geropsychology, Neuropsychology, Psychiatry or Forensic) based upon their training interests, experience, education and professional goals. The internship program seeks applicants whose training-related values that are either evident or expressed, closely match those of the program. For example, the program highlights values such as multicultural competency and diversity, research and scholarly inquiry, provision of services within a health service. Therefore applications are considered by the supervising psychologists with “values match” also considered selection criteria. Approximately half of the applications in each emphasis will then be selected as finalists and invited for interviews.

**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 | Amount: 250 |
| Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours   |  | YES | Amount: 50  |
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| <b>Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:</b> |  |
| The program does not have additional screening criteria.                       |  |

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

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns  | 27,924                                  |  |
| Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns  | NA                                      |  |
| Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No                                     |
| <b>If access to medical insurance is provided:</b>   |   |  |
| Trainee contribution to cost required?   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No                                     |
| Coverage of family member(s) available?  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No                                     |
| Coverage of legally married partner available?   | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No                                     |
| Coverage of domestic partner available?  | Yes                                     | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)   | 104                                     |  |
| Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave  | 104                                     |  |
| 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No                                     |
| Other Benefits (please describe): Paid trainees are eligible for a Transit Benefit that covers the cost of commuting between residence and the Miami VAMC when using various forms of public transportation, or by becoming a rider of an existing vanpool of employees. |   |  |

\*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)

|   | 2016-2019 |    |
|---|-----------|----|
| Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts  | 30        |    |
| Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree | 2         |    |
|   | PD        | EP |
| Community mental health center  | 2         | 0  |
| Federally qualified health center   | 0         | 0  |
| Independent primary care facility/clinic  | 0         | 0  |
| University counseling center  | 0         | 0  |
| Veterans Affairs medical center   | 19        | 0  |
| Military health center  | 0         | 0  |
| Academic health center  | 0         | 0  |
| Other medical center or hospital  | 4         | 0  |
| Psychiatric hospital  | 0         | 0  |
| Academic university/department  | 3         | 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  | 2         | 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.