

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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Program Disclosures

<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>X No</p>
<p>If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:</p>	
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Internship Program Admissions

<p>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:</p>
<p>The Doctoral Internship at the Youth Services Department is offered through the Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division, whose mission is to provide free, accessible, trauma-informed mental health services and educational programs to youth and families in Palm Beach County to support healthy development and promote overall wellbeing. The Division is committed to fostering healthy individual and family functioning in families where youth have been exposed to various forms of danger, harm, or loss. Without adequate protective factors, these youth are often at higher risk of entering the juvenile justice system, dropping out of school, getting involved with gangs, running away from home, substance use, and entering the child protective system. This goal is accomplished through family, group, and individual therapy (ages 18-22), parent-child interaction therapy (ages 2-7), psychoeducation, parent training, psychological evaluation, consultative services, and community outreach offered across community-based, office, and residential settings. Services are provided free to Palm Beach County residents. Each intern will complete a six month residential rotation and a six month outpatient rotation, which together provide a range of clinical and didactic experiences that will support interns in the development of basic knowledge, clinical skills, and professional identity.</p>
<p>Highridge Family Center – Residential Rotation</p> <p>Psychology interns complete a six month rotation at Highridge Family Center. Interns, under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, are responsible for providing family, group, individual, and milieu therapy to residents of Highridge, working in the same capacity as the other dorms’ therapists. Additionally, the intern participates in weekly multidisciplinary treatment team meetings, case conferences, multi-family groups, staff consultations, and presentations to parents.</p>
<p>Education & Training - Outpatient Rotation</p> <p>Psychology Interns complete a six-month outpatient rotation. Interns are responsible for providing short-term (3-4 months) family therapy, individual therapy (only ages 18-22), intake assessments, provisional diagnosis, treatment planning and implementation, consultation, and case management. Interns</p>

complete psychological evaluations, provide parent education/support/training, and may conduct outreach activities, including presentations to staff, schools, and community agencies.

The internship offers 4 one-year, full-time placements. Interns complete 2000 hours during the course of a year. The minimum requirements include 500 hours of direct clinical contact, 100 hours of individual supervision by a licensed psychologist, 100 hours of group or additional individual supervision, and 100 hours of didactic training. Two hours of weekly individual supervision are provided by licensed psychologists. A minimum of two hours of weekly group supervision are also provided. Interns typically spend at least 30 percent of their time in direct clinical contact. Interns integrate theoretical, clinical, and professional issues in psychology into the service delivery model at the rotation sites within the Youth Services Department's Residential Treatment and Family Counseling (RTFC) Division.

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: 400
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours		Y	Amount: 100

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

To be considered for the Youth Services Department internship program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a doctoral candidate in an APA- or CPA-accredited clinical or counseling psychology program.
- At least three years of graduate education in psychology must be completed by the start of internship.
- A minimum of 1000 hours of training must be completed prior to internship, which may include practica as well as other clinical or work experience.
- A minimum of 400 intervention hours and 100 assessment hours by the start of internship.
 - If the applicant expects to earn additional direct service hours after the application is submitted, this information should be specifically broken down by intervention and assessment and noted on the AAPI in the section asking for anticipated hours prior to internship
- Comprehensive Exams must be passed prior to applying for internship.
- Dissertation proposal must be completed prior to the start of internship.
- Before the start of the internship, Youth Services Department interns must complete a Level 2 background check with fingerprints. Disqualifying offenses are listed in the Florida statues under Chapter 435.04(2). The following is a link to this statute for reference: [Statutes & Constitution: View Statutes: Online Sunshine \(state.fl.us\)](#).

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$27,500	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern? No; however, a health insurance stipend of \$500 will be awarded to the intern after 6 months of service. Interns are responsible for obtaining their own liability insurance.	Yes	No
If access to medical insurance is provided:	N/A	
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 and/or Sick) In order to earn the full stipend, fellows must work a total of 2,000 hours during their one-year/52 week placement. Two weeks (80 hours) of that time may be used for leave time (holiday/vacation/sick). Any additional leave time taken outside of the 80 hours, including days not worked due to county closure for holidays (12 government holidays), must be made up to ensure the 2000 hours requirement is met. Fellows may take up to an additional 20 hours of vacation and 100 hours of sick time if needed, with the understanding that the minimum 2000 hours must be worked (so time taken in excess must be made up).	N/A	
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; the contract will be modified to extend the internship so they may accrue the necessary hours required to complete the program.	Yes	No
Other Benefits (please describe): Professional development leave to attend conferences or presentations may be granted. Time off for dissertation defense may be granted.		

*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	12	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree		
	PD	EP
Academic teaching		
Community mental health center	4	2
Consortium		
University Counseling Center		
Hospital/Medical Center	1	
Veterans Affairs Health Care System		
Psychiatric facility		
Correctional facility		
Health maintenance organization		
School district/system		
Independent practice setting	3	
Other	2	

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.