

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
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	

Internship Program Admissions

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:
Internship Overview The South Florida State Hospital (SFSH) Psychology Internship is accredited by the American Psychological Association and follows a Scholar-Practitioner training model. We offer three funded positions and provide comprehensive clinical training for doctoral interns working with adults with serious mental illness in a multidisciplinary psychiatric rehabilitation setting. Interns gain experience in psychological assessment, individual and group therapy, behavioral consultation, and interdisciplinary collaboration. All interns participate in a core curriculum emphasizing forensics, assessment, and behavioral intervention, regardless of track. Training Tracks • Clinical Track (1 intern): Focus on Psychological Evaluation and Behavioral Assessment & Consultation • Forensic Track (2 interns): Specialized training in forensic assessment and intervention Applicants must specify their track of interest in both the cover letter and application materials. In addition to clinical work, interns attend seminars on diversity, forensics, trauma-informed care, assessment, and supervision of supervision. Opportunities may also be available to co-lead groups and provide supervision.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be enrolled in an APA-accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology
- Complete the APPI Online Application
- Submit a cover letter specifying track of interest (Clinical or Forensic)
- Include one integrated psychological report sample from a practicum site
- Provide a letter of readiness from the doctoral program's Training Director
- Complete comprehensive/qualifying exams prior to ranking submission

Pre-Employment Requirements

Internship offers are contingent upon:

- Level 2 background clearance (Florida DCF)
- Drug screening and physical exam (including TB screening and Titer bloodwork)
- Completion of a mandatory 6-day orientation, which includes:
 - MANDT (verbal de-escalation training)
 - Basic Life Support (CPR/AED) via the American Heart Association

Interview Process

Applicants selected for the 2027–2028 training year will be invited to a virtual interview in January. Interviews last approximately one hour with supervisors, followed by an opportunity to meet with current interns.

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: 75

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Minimum of 600 hours of Supervision and Support Activities combined

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$41,225
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	0
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)	96	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	0	
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): Dental Insurance, Disability Insurance, Vision Insurance, Professional Development Time, Free Lunch at Hospital's Cafeteria		

*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)

	2022-2025	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	9	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	PD= 0	EP= 0
Community mental health center	PD= 0	EP= 0
Consortium	PD= 0	EP= 0
University Counseling Center	PD= 0	EP= 0
Hospital/Medical Center	PD= 0	EP= 0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	PD= 1	EP= 0
Psychiatric facility	PD= 3	EP= 0
Correctional facility	PD= 1	EP= 0
Health maintenance organization	PD= 0	EP= 0
School district/system	PD= 0	EP= 0
Independent practice setting	PD= 0	EP= 2
Other (Forensic Services)	PD=2	EP= 0

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position.