

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 ☒ No
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	
N/A	

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 requirements:
The DSH-M Clinical Psychology Doctoral Internship is a best fit for interns who have significant experience with 1) psychological assessment and report writing, 2) populations with severe mental illness, and 3) forensic settings. It is an assessment-heavy internship, with interns expected to write 11 comprehensive psychological reports during the year. Interns who strike a balance between self-driven learning and receptiveness to feedback and between self-sufficiency and collaboration have the most rewarding experience. This internship is also best suited for those who intend to enter a career in forensic psychology and/or continue in state service.
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, 200 hours. Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours: Yes, 100 hours.
Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:
At least half of the intervention hours (i.e., 100) and half of the assessment hours (i.e., 50) must be with adults.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$55,068
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes
If access to medical insurance is provided:	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	No*
*Trainee contribution is offset by employer contribution, resulting in zero cost to the trainee for some medical plans.	
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes
Coverage of domestic partner available?	Yes
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	**
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	**
**Interns may choose from two PTO earning schedules: 1) Earn 11 hours/month of Annual Leave, which can be used for any purpose (e.g., vacation, illness). 2) Earn 8 hours/month of sick time, which can only be used for sick leave, and 7 hours/month of vacation time, which can be used for any purpose.	
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	Yes, provided intern will meet SPE hours and other training requirements
Other benefits (please describe):	
Please visit State Employees - CalHR Benefits Website for more information.	

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

Initial Post-Internship Positions
Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts

	2022-2025	
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	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching		
Community mental health center		
Consortium		
University Counseling Center		
Hospital/Medical Center		
Veterans Affairs Health Care System		
Psychiatric facility	1	7
Correctional facility		
Health maintenance organization		
School district/system		
Independent practice setting		1
Other		1

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, programs must select the setting that represents their primary position.

Two former interns did not respond to requests for post-internship employment information.