

Behavioral Health Services

Psychology Internship Program

Overview:

Passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 encourages health care organizations to integrate behavioral health care with traditional medical care to improve patient outcomes. Improvements in interprofessional teamwork and team-based care have been identified as important changes in practice that can close the gap between current health professions training and actual practice needs and realities. Our site offers training to psychologists in how to work effectively in integrated hospital/medical care settings in the future.

Our Hospital:

El Camino Hospital is composed of two full-service, acute care community hospitals located in Mountain View, California, and Los Gatos, California, offering a comprehensive range of inpatient and outpatient services to communities in the South San Francisco Bay Area. Behavioral Health Services at El Camino Hospital include comprehensive services ranging from psychiatric emergency room consultation, inpatient consultation, adult inpatient 25-bed psychiatric services, and multiple outpatient programs.

Training Setting:

Each of our programs offers patient-centered care to higher-acuity patients and consists of an interdisciplinary staff utilizing a team approach to work with patients. Psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, and other mental-health professionals work cooperatively to treat patients while fostering collegial relationships among members of various disciplines. Our programs in behavioral health have integrated trainees with staff members as program therapists for over 20 years.

Internship Aims:

The primary aim of El Camino Hospital's psychology internship program is to prepare interns for the practice of health service psychology. The specific aim of the program is to provide training to interns to increase their effectiveness working in a patient-centered, higher-acuity care environment. The program evaluates intern performance in each of the nine profession-wide competencies. El Camino Hospital's psychology internship received "accredited, on contingency" status from the American Psychological Association on April 15, 2018.

Eligibility Status:

Applicants must be at least fourth-year graduate students in a regionally accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology. Applicants should have completed at least 500 practicum hours (total intervention and assessment hours) by the beginning of the internship year. Prior practicum experience in hospital treatment settings is desired, as well as course work and training in cognitive therapy, group therapy, individual therapy, and short-term treatment.

Program Structure:

The internship is a full-time, 12-month program consisting of clinical rotations, supervision, and didactic training. Interns will receive training and supervision in a sequential clinical rotation schedule during which they provide care to higher-acuity patients in inpatient and outpatients programs, according to the following schedule:

Activity	Schedule	Supervision
Inpatient rotation	Minimum 1 day/week all year	1 hour individual supervision weekly 1 hour case conference weekly
Outpatient rotation #1	Minimum 3 days/week for 6 months	1 hour individual supervision weekly 1 hour case conference weekly
Outpatient rotation #2	Minimum 3 days/week for 6 months (second half of year)	1 hour individual supervision weekly 1 hour case conference weekly
Assessment group supervision	Weekly throughout year	1 hour group supervision weekly
Didactic trainings	Weekly throughout year	2 hours per week to augment clinical rotation activities
Administrative supervision	Weekly throughout year	Guidance and feedback from program leads as needed

Positions available:

At least two psychology interns will be selected for each cohort year. The application deadline is December 1st. The psychology internship program adheres to the selection guidelines set forth by the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and will participate in the National Match. Applicants matched for the internship will be required complete the hospital's hiring process (please see APPIC MATCH POLICIES (7b): "Appointments of applicants to internship positions may be contingent upon the applicants satisfying certain eligibility requirements"). Upon completion of the selection process, interns will receive a monthly salary during their internship as temporary (one-year) employees and will follow El Camino Hospital administrative policies, including those for performance, due process, and grievance.

Equal Opportunity:

El Camino Hospital is an equal opportunity employer and makes employment decisions on the basis of qualifications and competencies. El Camino Hospital prohibits unlawful discrimination in employment based on race, ancestry, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability (including HIV and AIDS diagnosis) marital status, age (40 and over), medical condition (rehabilitated cancer and genetic characteristics), refusal of Family Care Leave, refusal of leave for an employee's serious health condition, denial of pregnancy disability leave, retaliation for reporting patient abuse in tax supported institutions, or any other status protected by federal, state or local laws.

Additional Information:

For more information about El Camino Hospital, please visit our website at www.elcaminohospital.org. Additional questions regarding the Psychology Internship Program can be directed to Peter Scheufele, Ph.D., Intern Training Coordinator, via email to: peter_scheufele@elcaminohospital.org. Questions related to the program's accredited status can be directed to: Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First St, NE, Washington, DC, 20002-4242; Tel: 202-336-5975.

This internship site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant. Further information regarding APPIC policies is available at <http://appic.org/>

Internship Program Tables

Date Program Tables are updated: Annually, on/around July 1.

Internship Program Admissions

Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in their 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 be at least fourth-year graduate students in a regionally accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology.
Does the program require that applicants have a minimum number of hours of the following at the time of application? Yes
If yes, indicate how many: Applicants should have completed at least 500 practicum hours (total intervention and assessment hours) by the beginning of the internship year
Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants: Prior practicum experience in hospital treatment settings is desired, as well as course work and training in cognitive therapy, group therapy, individual therapy, and short-term treatment.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for the Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-Time Interns	\$36,000
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-Time Interns	NA
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes
If access to medical insurance is provided:	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes
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	
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?	
Other Benefits (please describe)	
*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 - 2018	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts:	4	
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		
Other medical center or hospital	1	
Psychiatric hospital		
Academic university/department		
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		
School district/system		
Independent practice setting		1
Not currently employed		
Changed to another field		
Other		
Unknown		
Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed position. Each individual represented in this table is counted only one time. Former trainees working in more than one setting are indicated by the setting that represents their primary position.		