

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:

Miami-Dade County Psychology Internship Program's overall aim is to prepare interns to be health service psychologists at the entry level. This is achieved through a general track, exposing students to a varied population ranging from young children to older adults. Interns have the opportunity to work with diverse clients throughout Departmental divisions; cultural and individual diversity is embedded across all programs. The Community Action and Human Services Department is the social services agency of Miami-Dade County and offers clinical experience in the following programs: substance abuse, pre-school children, older adults and adults with disabilities, young adults working towards educational and occupational goals, and domestic violence and human trafficking. Interns will implement evidence based interventions throughout their adult and child focused rotations during the internship year. Testing opportunities take place in the substance abuse program and with older adults and pre-school children. Clinical supervisors oversee these service areas, mentoring the interns and exposing them to an array of theoretical orientations. Interns are an intricate part of the programs' multi-disciplinary teams and participate in professional development activities, such as staffing, program evaluation, consultation, community outreach and advocacy. This is an opportunity to enhance communication and inter-professional skills through on-going consultation with a variety of professional staff. Interns also work closely with the practicum students; they are exposed to a supervisory role with master level psychology students through the internship program's Mentor-Practitioner model. There are also opportunities for the interns to participate in providing professional presentations and staff trainings within the Department and the community, fostering scholarly inquiry and dissemination of research. Throughout the internship, professional values and behaviors are further developed to help prepare the intern to become a competent health service psychologist. For detailed information about the internship program, download the Psychology Internship Program Handbook from the program website, http://www.miamidade.gov/social_services/psychology-internship.asp. Handbook outlines current modifications to training related to COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. use of telepsychology).

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: 600
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	YES	Amount:50

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Level 2 background check and drug screen/physical. Travel is involved requiring one's own transportation. Affiliation Agreement must be signed by the university prior to the start of internship. Individual interviews are scheduled with the Training Committee members, Training Director, and a current intern. The interview format is a panel with a structured interview questionnaire. The interview is approximately one hour and will take place virtually or telephonically due to current pandemic. Applicants are notified via e-mail of their scheduled interview dates.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$20,500	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)	20 Days	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	Part of 20 Personal Days	
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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	No
Other Benefits (please describe): Mileage reimbursement and 13 paid holidays.		

*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	11	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	1	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	3	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	0	0
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	1	0
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	1	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	1	1
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
Other	1	2
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.