

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?	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</div>
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 preparation requirements:

The Child Guidance Clinic's internship program aims to produce well-rounded psychologists that are ready for entry-level practice who have specialized training in forensic psychology practice but can excel across a broad spectrum of professional psychology settings. While our program offers a wide range of training experiences to develop professional competencies, psychological assessment is emphasized.

Interns primarily work with adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system in Washington, DC who have been court-ordered or referred for clinical services. Interns conduct psychological, psychoeducational, psychosexual, competency for trial, and violence risk evaluations. Interns provide individual and group psychotherapy as well as forensic interventions for competency remediation and sex offense treatment. Interns also provide treatment to adult forensic and non-forensic populations via rotations with Howard University Counseling Services and the U.S. Probation Office. Clinical services are provided across court, community, detention, and virtual settings. Interns also provide supervision to externs and engage in interdisciplinary consultation with attorneys and probation officers.

The client population typically served by the Clinic predominantly consists of African American youth ages 12-18. The Clinic also serves a smaller population of other ethnicities (e.g., Hispanic/Latino). Within these groups, individuals may have varying identities including LGBTQ+, multilingual, and multigenerational or first-generation families. They may also present with visual, hearing, speech, physical, or ambulatory limitations or disabilities. The majority of youth served have personal histories of trauma and come from economically disadvantaged and under-resourced communities with frequent exposure to community violence and crime. Interns have exceptional and unique opportunities to provide culturally informed assessments and services to youth presenting with an array of cognitive and psychosocial problems.

Applicants who have performed at least 15 comprehensive psychological evaluations are preferred, as well as applicants experienced in working with youth. We prioritize recruitment of diverse interns from a range of cultural and personal backgrounds, as well as applicants with experience or a strong interest in working with clients from diverse individual, cultural, and community backgrounds.

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	No	Amount: N/A
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes	No	Amount: 100

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

The Clinic is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many applicants' accrual of practicum hours. We take a holistic approach to our review of applications wherein we take many factors into consideration. We encourage all interested applicants to apply for our site, even if the applicant does not currently meet our stated requirement for assessment or intervention hours. We request that applicants address the matter of lower hours in their cover letter and describe any alternative, supplemental, or equivalent learning experiences.

Candidates must be enrolled in an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited, accreditation-eligible, or provisionally-accredited doctoral graduate program in psychology. All formal course work and comprehensive examinations must be completed prior to beginning internship. Dissertation proposals should be approved prior to ranking deadline.

Interns who match with the Clinic must pass a Court-required criminal background check which includes fingerprinting. Interns will complete a Criminal History Request form which authorizes review of the intern's adult arrest records and forfeitures for the past ten (10) years, as of the date of the form. Interns will also complete a Child Protection Register (CPR) check form. Failure to pass these checks will result in the intern not being permitted to proceed with the internship at the Clinic.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$40,148	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A	
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)	No	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	No	
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): Interns have access to DC Courts' federal Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for therapy/counseling, mental health assessment, financial & legal advisement, health & wellness webinars, etc. Interns are eligible for up to 2 weeks off, pending Training Director approval. Interns have access to DC Courts' gym, exercises classes (e.g., yoga), and virtual meditation sessions. Interns receive a Metro/subway discount pass, preventative health measures such as free on-site flu vaccines, paid federal holidays, professional development time, and dissertation release time. Flex time and/or Compressed Days Off (CDO) are available: Interns can choose between a 5-day, 8-hour work week or a compressed 4-day, 10-hour work week. Interns also have access to high-level safety trainings facilitated by DC Court and U.S. Marshals security specialists such as defense against active shooters.		

*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)

	2018-2021	
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	0	0
Community mental health center	0	1
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	0	0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	0	0
Psychiatric facility	1	2
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	1	1
Other	1	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.