Psychology Internship Program
Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System
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APPIC Match Number: 131811
Applications due: November 5, 2018

Accreditation Status
The pre-doctoral internship at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS) is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. The next site visit will be during the academic year 2020.

Information regarding the accreditation status of this program can be obtained from:
Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC  20002-4242
(202) 336-5979
www.apa.org/ed/accred.html

Application & Selection Procedures
Eligibility: Applicants for internship must be Ph.D. or Psy.D. degree candidates from APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology, and have supervised clinical practicum work to include at least 300 hours of direct contact hours in intervention and 100 hours in assessment. VA requirements specify that eligible applicants must be U.S. citizens and have fulfilled departmental requirements for internship as certified by their Directors of Clinical Training. Further details regarding the program are available in the APPIC Directory. The Department of Veterans Affairs is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As an equal opportunity training program, the internship welcomes and strongly encourages applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of gender, age, racial, ethnic, sexual orientation, disability or other minority status.

Procedures: Applications must be submitted no later than November 5. However, students are urged to complete application requirements as early as possible. Interviews and visits to the internship site are normally scheduled during the first three weeks of January.

Application requirements:
1. Completed copy of the APPIC online Application for Psychology Internship (AAPI); The AAPI can be obtained at the APPIC Web site, http://www.appic.org
2. Letter of interest that explicitly states the applicant’s top four choices in rotation preference (see “Training Experiences: Clinical Rotations”). This is to assist with assigning reviewers for the application materials; specific rotations are not guaranteed.
4. Official transcripts of all graduate work.
5. The form "Academic Program's Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness," certifying that you have met your program's prerequisites for internship. This can be found in the AAPI.
6. At least three letters of recommendation from psychologists familiar with the applicant, preferably one from your academic advisor.

Completed applications or requests for additional information should be forwarded to:

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Psychology Setting

Psychologists at the New Orleans VAMC function within an autonomous Psychology Service and cooperate with Psychiatry and Social Work Services to provide a broad range of mental health services to veterans. Within this system, psychologists hold primary administrative responsibility for a variety of mental health programs. Our new, state of the art, medical center opened in December 2016; thus the 2019-2020 internship class will be working within the new fully operational medical center. There are currently seven programs within the Mental Health Service that provide specialized mental health services, including Substance Use Disorders Treatment Team (SUDT), Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Ambulatory Mental Health Care (AMH), Primary Care in Mental Health (PCMH), Homeless Program, Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM), and Compensated Work Therapy (CWT). Psychologists have been appointed to leadership positions on several clinical teams, reflecting both the capabilities of individual psychologists and the high regard in which psychologists are held within the SLVHCS.

Laurel Franklin, Ph.D. currently serves as Interim Chief of Psychology. The SLVHCS Psychology Training Committee is currently comprised of 15 doctoral level psychologists, with several additional doctoral level psychologists serving as training program supervisors. We currently have five pre-doctoral interns and six postdoctoral fellows. Psychologists apply the knowledge and skills of psychology as a science and profession toward three primary goals: (1) patient assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation; (2) psychology-related education and training; and (3) research designed to enhance knowledge of normal and abnormal behavior and clinically relevant practices. Opportunities are available for interns to participate in all three of these areas. Teaching and research affiliations are currently maintained with Tulane University School of Medicine and the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, enhancing the high quality of patient care provided to veterans of these areas. SLVHCS has six outpatient clinics in the 23 parish southeast Louisiana area.

Training Model and Program Philosophy

The Psychology Internship Program adheres to the values of the Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 16, and the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in its commitment to excellence in training.
Training is grounded in the scientist-practitioner model.

Our program assumes that good practice is always grounded in the science of psychology. In turn, the science of psychology is necessarily influenced by the practice of psychology. Thus, our approach to training encourages clinical practice that is consistent with the current state of scientific knowledge while still acknowledging the complexities of real patients and the limits of our empirical base. In this regard, we aim to produce psychologists who are capable of contributing to the profession by investigating clinically relevant questions through their own clinical research or through program development and evaluation.

The members of the Psychology Training Program have identified six components to our educational model. With all interns, we attempt to ensure that these six components are a part of their training experience.

1. **An emphasis on high quality supervision** that varies with the developmental needs of an intern. On all rotations, a process is followed in which supervisors first assess the skill level of an intern, provide didactic instruction (if required) regarding the skill, model the clinically relevant skill for an intern, and observe the intern employing the skill. Only after completing this process would an intern employ the skill without direct supervision.

2. **Instruction in empirically-grounded methods of assessment and treatment.** On all rotations, interns are instructed in methods that have received widespread empirical validation. These include structured interview techniques, cognitive-behavioral techniques for treating a broad range of psychological problems, neurocognitive assessment procedures, and proper use of empirically validated psychometric instruments.

3. **A broad range of clinical experiences and didactics** designed to create general clinical skills. All interns are provided with a range of experiences across rotations designed to foster skills in general assessment of psychopathology, consultation and liaison skills, short and long-term therapy skills. Interns are also instructed in general professional issues.

4. **Specialized training in a substantive area chosen by an intern.** Interns may participate in the Traumatic Stress Recovery Program specialty offered at this site or in other rotations. Interns, in collaboration with the training director and their preceptor, may also design a unique set of training experiences that emphasize a trainee’s interests.

5. **Flexibility in designing an individualized internship experience.** Interns, in collaboration with staff members, have the opportunity to create a unique set of rotations that best match their professional interests and goals. These selections are guided by the training needs and goals of each intern rather than the systemic needs of the hospital. Opportunities are provided for interns to create high-quality experiences away from the SLVHCS, if dictated by legitimate training goals, such as working with a population the SLVHCS does not serve.

6. **Exposure to clinically-relevant research.** Opportunities to participate in clinically-relevant research are offered to all interns. These include collaborating with staff on ongoing projects or initiating a project during the internship year. At a minimum, interns are expected to develop a critical appreciation for ways in which clinically-relevant research can inform clinical practice.
**Program Goals and Objectives**

The purpose of the pre-doctoral internship is to train professional psychologists for independent professional psychology practice in the areas of clinical services, research, and education, particularly in medical center, public sector, and academic settings. This expected outcome is facilitated by the primary goal of ensuring advanced competency in clinical psychology.

**Specific skills to be developed**

The internship program is structured to provide training activities to facilitate development of advanced competencies in several areas important for the provision of good clinical care, research, and education.

1) **Assessment, Diagnosis, and Intervention**
   Interns will develop competence in psychological evaluation and assessment of adults with a variety of diagnoses, problems, and needs. Interns will develop competence in theories and methods of intervention.

2) **Consultation, Supervision, and Teaching**
   Interns will develop competence in providing consultation, in developing basic knowledge of supervision and possibly providing supervision, and in teaching. Interns will develop competence in educating and supporting other professionals in clinical settings, and may provide consultation to junior practicum trainees.

3) **Scholarly Inquiry**
   Interns will develop competence in a course of scholarly inquiry for purpose of clinical practice, and, if applicable, to scientific literature. Interns will develop competence in applying scientific knowledge in a clinical setting, in being educated consumers of empirical research, and in becoming competent in at least one Evidenced Based Therapies (EBT). Interns may develop skills in participating in a research project.

4) **Professional, Ethical, and Legal Issues**
   Interns will demonstrate appropriate ethical and professional standards required for clinical psychologists. Interns will demonstrate professional responsibility and behavior consistent with current professional standards and ethical guidelines. Interns will demonstrate continued growth in professional development and identity.

5) **Cultural and Individual Diversity**
   Interns will demonstrate knowledge of and provide culturally sensitive services (assessment, case conceptualization, and treatment) to the patient population. Interns will have a mature understanding of issues of ethnic, cultural, gender, sexual, and other aspects of diversity. Interns will, independently or with supervision, incorporate this understanding into their clinical work with veterans.

**Structure of Internship Training**

**Administrative Structure**

From an administrative standpoint, the program is supervised by the Training Director, who oversees and implements intern recruitment and selection, matching of interns to faculty preceptors, and coordination of clinical and research experiences. The Director of Clinical Training is responsible to the Chief of Psychology for productive operation of the training program. Each intern selects a preceptor from available staff psychologists for year-round consultation and support to ensure a balanced range of clinical experiences. The function of the preceptor is to guide
the student in the choice of clinical assignments, to assist in development and implementation of research activities, engage in professional development, and to aid in problem-solving throughout the internship year. Intern and supervisor evaluations are documented six times annually, and written reports are forwarded at least annually to university training directors. The Training Director, in concert with the preceptor, insures that internship experiences successfully meet an intern’s training needs.

**The Training Year**

Graduate students accepted for psychology internship training arrive at the SLVHCS for a full year beginning in July. Incoming interns receive a full orientation during the first two weeks of the training year, including opportunities to meet with staff, review training options, and select a preceptor from among available staff psychologists. A working plan specifying three four-month rotations is developed for each intern during the second full week of the training year. Rotations may be half time rotations or full time rotations. Interns may participate in rotations at community based outpatient clinics as well as in the New Orleans clinics. Rotation options are detailed in following sections of this brochure.

**Rotation Selection**

Inte rns electing to complete an Emphasis Area in PTSD will commit the equivalent of up to two full rotations to the specialty area. These rotations include those supervised by Drs. Arseneau, Ball, Hamilton, and Walton.

In addition to ongoing rotations, interns establish a long-term experience of 4-6 hours weekly to be completed followed throughout the year. This may consist of a training in a particular therapy (e.g., ACT), work with a particular patient population (e.g., veterans who have experienced MST), work in a particular clinic setting (e.g., inpatient), or a program evaluation or research project. Supervision for the long-term experience will be provided throughout the year by the supervisor identified for this experience in the intern’s training plan.

**Preceptors**

Each intern chooses a preceptor from our training committee of approximately 15 psychologists for the training year. The preceptor’s role is to help the intern negotiate the internship program, integrate feedback from various supervisors, and plan for post-internship goals. Interns have an average of two hours per month of supervised contact with their preceptor.

**Research Participation**

Interns are encouraged to participate throughout the year in some type of quality improvement, educational, or research, or project associated within an area of interest. Interns may pursue applied or experimental studies by participating in an ongoing staff project or by executing an independent but supervised research effort under the direction of staff members who are credentialed in the research department. Selection and structuring of research projects and/or research collaboration begins during the first month of the internship year, and staff members guide interns in completing their investigative goals by providing necessary assistance in obtaining materials, subjects, and other support. Current VA research resources include an expansive virtual library, an onsite Institutional Review Board, and two computers with statistical packages. Please also see the “Clinical Rotations” and “Additional Training Experiences” sections for further discussion of opportunities for research involvement.
**Supervision**
Interns receive a minimum of two scheduled hours of individual supervision per week during a full time rotation from the staff psychologist formally assigned to the rotation. In actual practice, the amount of individual supervision is typically much greater due to daily supervisor trainee interactions in joint sessions with patients, etc. Additional supervision is provided in group and/or individual format such that each intern receives 4 hours of weekly supervision. Although the specifics of such ongoing supervision experiences will vary depending upon rotation, a relatively high level of routine working contact between staff psychologists and interns is characteristic of all rotation options. The intern cohort meets for an hour or more each week as a group with the Training Director.

**Evaluation**
Formal evaluations of intern performance are completed at the midpoint and end of each rotation. Supervisors complete the General Clinical Competency Assessment Form, providing ratings of the intern’s performance in key areas as well as narrative statements regarding strengths and weaknesses of the trainee or other relevant comments. Interns read and sign these evaluations. These materials become a part of the intern’s permanent file kept by Mental Health Service, which is available to the Training Committee.

If evaluations of an intern indicate that he/she has an educational or skill deficiency that compromises the quality of professional performance, it is the responsibility of the intern’s primary supervisor to discuss the deficiency with the intern, define the problem, and suggest procedures for remediation (e.g., special instruction, experience in a new training setting, etc.). The intern’s preceptor may also be involved in this discussion. If the problem cannot be resolved by the primary supervisor or preceptor, he/she will consult the Training Director with the intern. If the difficulty is of a serious nature, the Training Director will convene a meeting of the Training Committee to describe, evaluate, and seek resolution for the problem. These procedures will be in accord with established guidelines for confidentiality and protection of the intern’s right of due process.

**Compensation and Benefits**
Interns receive a stipend of $26,166 for the 2018-2019 training year, paid biweekly. Interns also are eligible for the full range of health and life insurance options available to all federal employees. As with staff psychologists, professional liability coverage for all mandated intern activity is provided by the Federal Tort Claims Act. Benefits include 10 federal holidays, accrual of the equivalent of 13 vacation days and 13 sick days, and health insurance. Additionally interns are able to request authorized absence for educational and professional leave such as professional conferences.

**Training Experiences: Clinical Rotations**
Full and half time rotations are generally chosen from among the areas below. The primary clinical supervisor(s) for each rotation is listed, though additional supervision or training experiences may be offered by other doctoral-level psychology supervisors working on that clinical team. Given potential clinic or staffing changes, rotations presented here are typical and representative, but not guaranteed.

**Ambulatory Mental Health (AMH)**
**Supervisors: Shannon Hartley, Ph.D. and Thomas Hallinan, Ph.D.**
Working within the framework of the Ambulatory Mental Health Clinic (AMH), multidisciplinary staff provide comprehensive mental health services to veterans suffering from issues related to
anxiety, mood, personality, adjustment, grief, and psychosis. Interns will conduct initial evaluations for veterans seeking treatment, which will develop abilities in case formulation, differential diagnosis, and treatment planning. Interns will administer psychological assessments for diagnostic clarification and treatment planning purposes. Clinical writing skills will be developed throughout the rotation. Interns will follow short- and long-term therapy cases and participate in group therapy (shadowing or co-facilitating depending on ability level). Attendance at interdisciplinary team meetings and group supervision is also required.

Community Based Outpatient Clinics

Supervisor in LaPlace: Michele Carroll, Psy.D.
Supervisor in Slidell: Sheila Corrigan, Ph.D.

These rotations emphasize development of skills needed to integrate psychological services within interdisciplinary treatment teams in rural or suburban medical contexts. Major components of these rotations include:

- Brief evaluation and treatment of clinical and health psychology problems;
- Triage decision-making to prioritize service delivery; consultation and collaboration with primary care providers for psychological and medical management;
- Psychological assessment, individual and group psychotherapy;
- Referral to specialty mental health programs, and coordination of care with the onsite psychiatrist/mental health staff.

Interns take part in leading empirically based treatment groups on topics such as sleep, pain, mastering emotions, and other chronic medical ailments. On these rotations, interns gain experience working with problems that have psychological origins (mood, anxiety, substance abuse, sleep, adjustment, and anger management). In addition, interns have the opportunity to develop skills in promoting healthy behaviors (i.e. physical activity) and help patients resolve other medically-related problems (i.e. pain management, treatment adherence, coping with illness, and disease management).

Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Supervisor: Karen Slaton, Ph.D. and Joseph Vigil, Ph.D.

In health psychology and behavioral medicine, interns function as consultants on the psychosocial and behavioral aspects of disease expression, control, and prevention in addition to providing brief, solution focused behavioral health treatment for adjustment issues and less severe mental illness. With potential involvement among several outpatient clinics, the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System offers opportunities for applying principles of health psychology and behavioral medicine in primary and specialty health care service delivery. Interns share responsibilities for providing acute and extended treatments for a wide range of emotional and behavioral complications of disease, medical and surgical procedures, hospitalization, and associated family crises. The module encompasses:

- Primary Care Mental Health Integration
  - Brief solution focused treatment for depression, anxiety and adjustment issues
  - Health coaching for health promotion and disease prevention utilizing motivational interviewing
  - Treatment of chronic pain in primary care setting

- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
  - Participation in the Comprehensive Pain Rehabilitation Program
  - Evidence-informed treatment for chronic pain offered at a tertiary level
  - Behavioral interventions for veterans with TBI, spinal cord injury, ALS, amputations, etc.
• Evaluation of veterans in Interdisciplinary Pain Clinic and Pain Evaluation Program
  • Assessment of patients prior to solid organ transplants, interferon treatment, bariatric surgery, and implantation of dorsal column stimulators
  • Group and individual self-management interventions designed for pain management, weight control and smoking cessation
  • Assessment and treatment of veterans with chronic illness
  • Behavioral treatment experiences include:
    o Cognitive restructuring therapies (pain control, insomnia, adherence)
    o Clinical Hypnosis (pain control)
    o Relaxation training (meditation, yoga)
  • Consultation and interprofessional treatment planning with primary care and specialty medical care providers (palliative care, infectious disease, physical medicine, etc.)
  • Training emphasis is directed toward functioning within a multidisciplinary medical treatment team in primary care and surgery (anesthesia pain clinic).

**General PTSD**

**Supervisor:** Michelle Hamilton, Ph.D. and Madeline Uddo, Ph.D.

Interns in this rotation will work with veterans with PTSD and Subthreshold PTSD related to military service. Trainees will conduct comprehensive PTSD intake evaluations and do treatment planning. Interns working with Dr. Hamilton may opt to receive training in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Interpersonal Therapy for Depression, and may also opt to participate in Mind Body Medicine Skills groups. Interns may co-lead modules in the Whole Health Trauma, Recovery, and Wellness Program with both Dr. Uddo and Dr. Hamilton. Interns working with Dr. Uddo may have opportunities to do program development and analysis with the Whole Health Program. Research opportunities may be available with Dr. Uddo.

**OEF/OIF/OND Combat Stress**

**Supervisor:** Julie Arseneau, Ph.D.

Embedded within the PTSD Clinical Team, the OEF/OIF/OND Program provides trainees an opportunity to work with post-9/11 combat veterans along the spectrum of post-deployment and post-trauma reactions. The rotation emphasizes the development of critical skills in the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD, with intervention typically being provided in a time-limited, individual modality. Interns may elect supervised experience using Prolonged Exposure or Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, though a range of therapeutic approaches with demonstrated effectiveness (e.g., psychodynamic, interpersonal, cognitive, behavioral) is supported and encouraged. Other components of the training experience include attention to the engagement of OEF/OIF/OND veterans, provision of psychoeducation, and enhancement of treatment motivation and participation.

Supplemental experiences vary in availability, and according to trainee interest, skills, and need. These may include: skills-based and psychoeducational groups (e.g., Stress Management, Trauma 101), participation in multidisciplinary team meetings, scholarly writing projects, or program development.

**PTSD & Substance Use (PTSD/SUD)**

**Supervisors:** Jackie Ball, Ph.D. and Jessica Walton, Ph.D.

This rotation will provide interns with exposure to integrated treatment of the often co-morbid Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and substance use disorders (PTSD/SUD). Along with providing evidence-based integrated treatment to this population, interns will also serve as members of and
consultants to the PTSD team and the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) and will have the opportunity to work with providers from others disciplines (Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Social Workers, Addiction Therapists, Counselors, and Vocational Rehabilitation workers), usually aiding in the identification of co-morbidity coordination of care, treatment planning, and provision of services. Interns on this rotation can elect to receive training in providing evidence-based psychotherapies, including Prolonged Exposure Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression, as well as treatments for trauma-related insomnia (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia), recurrent nightmares (Imagery Rehearsal Therapy), and emotional and interpersonal regulation difficulties (Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation).

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) – anticipated 3rd rotation**

**Supervisor: Baris Konur, Psy.D.**

This rotation will emphasize development of skills needed to provide psychological services to a population with serious mental illness (SMI).

Major components of this rotation include evaluation and treatment of clinical and psychosocial problems both within an outpatient clinical setting and out in the community;

- Collaborate and work hand-in-hand with the Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) team
- Outreach to Veterans with SMI that are lost to care via the SMI Re-Engage Program
- Collaborate and consult with community providers and other stakeholders
- Provide group psychoeducation as part of the Psychosocial Recovery Program
- Provide education to staff and community stakeholders on SMI, Veteran issues, and other relevant topics

Interns have the opportunity to take part in promoting recovery principles and providing mental health care outside of a traditional outpatient setting. The rotation is highly customizable and allows the intern a large amount of flexibility in what services are provided depending on interests. In addition, interns are provided the opportunity to participate in activities that are outside of what is commonly thought of as “VA psychologist” activities. As this rotation is set within a community based outpatient clinic, interns will also gain experience working with problems that have biopsychosocial origins (mood, anxiety, substance abuse, sleep, adjustment, life stressors, medical conditions, pain, and anger management).

**Research**

**Supervisors: Laurel Franklin, Ph.D. and Amanda Raines, Ph.D.**

Interns may select a half time research rotation in during their internship year. In addition, interns may select up to six hours of research per week across rotations, as part of their long-term hours. The minimum requirement of 500 clinical hours must be met regardless of participation in research.

On the research rotation, emphasis is placed on development and implementation of an advanced curriculum that will promote intern skills and experiences in clinically relevant research. Specifics of the research module will vary to reflect the diversity of ongoing research programs and opportunities available at the start of the internship year.

Ongoing projects for 2018-2019 include examination of: the factor structure of PTSD in *DSM-5*; overlap between symptoms of PTSD with other disorders; the role of gender, trauma type, and trauma response in development of PTSD and subthreshold PTSD symptoms; suicidal correlates among veterans; utility of transdiagnostic treatments within the VA; and the relationship between
anxiety sensitivity and opioid use. Drs. Franklin and Raines also collaborate with clinician-researchers across rotations (e.g., SUD-PTSD, CBOCs, AMH) collecting program analysis data to inform clinical work within and outside of SLVHCS. In addition, students working with Drs. Franklin and Raines have opportunities to partner with other VA sites and universities on collaborative projects.

2018 Publications:


Current Grant Funded Projects:


Raines, A.M., Walton, J.L., & Franklin, C.L. *Improving Access to Evidence Based Care Among Rural Veterans using a Transdiagnostic Treatment Approach.* South Central MIRECC Pilot Study Program Award.

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Additional Training Experiences
Interns are often able to supplement their clinical rotations with additional training experiences. These may be integrated into full or part time clinical rotations described above, or be selected as
long term experiences. Given potential clinic or staffing changes, opportunities presented here are typical and representative, but not guaranteed.

**Military Sexual Trauma**
**Supervisor(s): PTSD Clinical Team Psychology Supervisors**
Training experiences are provided in the assessment and treatment of military sexual trauma (MST) in both female and male veterans. This may be incorporated into a PTSD Clinical Team rotation (i.e., General PTSD, OEF/OIF/OND, PTSD-SUD) or may be selected as a long term clinical experience. As a result, work with this population of veterans is highly variable and may include intake assessment, individual psychotherapy, and/or group psychotherapy. Therapies selected by past trainees have included Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Prolonged Exposure (PE), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), and Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR).

**Suicide Prevention**
**Supervisor: William Hill, Psy.D.**
The Suicide Prevention office works closely with mental health and primary care providers to coordinate care for Veterans deemed high risk for suicide. This includes managing the high risk list to ensure that Veterans are being seen within the high risk protocol guidelines; and consulting with providers on complex cases where suicide risk is a concern. In addition, the Suicide Prevention office accepts crisis calls and responds to consults placed by the National Veterans Crisis Line. Suicide Prevention acts as consultants with hospital management on mental health protocols and procedures related to suicide prevention and investigates reports of patient suicides. Interns will learn from the VA's nationally recognized "best practices" in suicide prevention, working alongside the suicide prevention staff with veterans determined to be at high risk for suicide. Interns generally will be seeing clients with another provider in the room and this rotation comes with extensive supervision due to the nature of high risk clientele. Interns may also participate in researching and completing a root cause analysis of aggregate patient suicides for VA leadership.

**Inpatient Psychology**
**Supervisor: Desirae Vidaurri, Ph.D.**
Interns may elect to work in SLVHCS’ inpatient mental health program under Dr. Vidaurri’s supervision. This training experience can include facilitation or co-facilitation of therapeutic groups across a range of modality and focus areas. Additionally, interns may have the opportunity to provide individual therapy consistent with the patient’s treatment plan. The Inpatient Program is comprised of a multidisciplinary team of providers from psychiatry, psychology, nursing, and social work and provides interns an opportunity to learn from and work with providers across disciplines and patients across a range of presenting concerns.

**DAT LAB: Depression, Anxiety, & Trauma-disorders Laboratory**
**Supervisors: Laurel Franklin, Ph.D., Amanda Raines, Ph.D., and Jessica Walton, Ph.D.**
The Depression, Anxiety, & Trauma-disorders Laboratory (“DAT lab”) mission is to bring together psychologists interested in discussing research ideas; reviewing research articles; and giving and receiving feedback about independent research in the area of anxiety and trauma-related disorders. Interns may participate in the DAT lab including during a half-time research rotation or part of their long-term hours. Preceptor concurrence is required prior to participation.

Ongoing projects for 2018-2019 include examination of the diagnostic characteristics of PTSD in *DSM-5*; overlap of PTSD and depressive disorders; the role of psychometric testing in PTSD.
assessments; the influence of order on endorsement of PTSD symptoms; age related effects on PTSD symptom endorsement; obsessive compulsive symptoms and suicidal ideation; obsessive compulsive symptoms and sleep.

**Didactics**

**General Inservice Training:**
Psychology interns are provided an ongoing series of weekly presentations on areas of assessment and treatment interest. Presenters include VA and academically affiliated psychologists and psychiatrists, psychology interns, and fellows. Some of the topics from past didactics include, CBT for Insomnia, Psychotropic medication, CAPS training, Licensure, Board Certification, and Professional Identity, Somatization, Suicide in the VA community, Private Practice, ACT training,and Attachment Theory. Participation in the in-service component of the internship is required to help maximize intern exposure to the expertise of mental health professionals within the VA and community.

**Presentations:**
Each intern makes a minimum of two presentations during the training year. The focus of the presentations are:
- A clinical scholarship presentation on a research topic
- A presentation on current issues in diversity and multicultural psychology

**Assessment Training:**
The SLVHCS internship believes that psychological assessment is a core competency of the applied psychologist. Our interns participate in a weekly assessment didactic series as a part of the training program. Over the course of the didactic series, interns receive instruction from staff psychologists on the fundamental aspects of psychological testing as well as supervised training in the administration, scoring, interpretation, and presentation of tests commonly utilized by practicing psychologists. Interns are asked to present their assessment cases as a part of the assessment didactics.

**Multicultural Training:**
All interns participate for a minimum of 3-4 months in a weekly seminar course on multicultural psychological practice, offered at the Tulane University School of Medicine. This inservice is both for interns from Tulane and from SLVHCS. Topic areas include: Undoing Racism, Diversity in Clinical Practice, Diversity in Research, Working with Diverse Populations, and Becoming Culturally Competent.

**Professional Identity and Development:**
Interns attend 3-4 months of weekly seminars in the area of Professional Identity and Development. These are held in conjunction with the Tulane University School of Medicine Internship program. Examples of topic areas include, CV Preparation, Negotiating Contracts/Business Issues, Academic Mentoring, Supervision, Forensic Assessment, and Developing a Research Career.

**Ethics:**
Interns attend 3-4 months of weekly seminars at the Tulane University School of Medicine in the area of Ethics. Examples of topic areas include, Psychotherapy, Children and Families, Testing and Research, and Legal Cases.
**Additional Didactics:**
Interns are also encouraged to attend lectures, seminars, and case conferences offered by affiliated medical schools and community groups and to participate in annual scientific meetings. During each year, the Training Program also attempts to offer specially scheduled presentations, workshops, and seminars for trainees and staff by nationally known scientist practitioners in psychology and related disciplines.

**Requirements for Completion**
To maintain good standing in the program and complete the program, the program requires that all interns demonstrate an intermediate to advanced level of professional psychological skills, abilities, proficiencies, competencies, and knowledge in the areas of:

a. Theories and methods of assessment and diagnosis and effective intervention (including empirically supported treatments)
b. Theories and/or methods of consultation, evaluation, and supervision
c. Strategies of scholarly inquiry
d. Issues of cultural and individual diversity relevant to all of the above

This is accomplished by:
1. Demonstrating intermediate to advanced progress in the training competencies.
2. Not be found to have engaged in any significant ethical transgressions

Additionally, interns are expected to complete a minimum of 500 direct clinical service hours, successfully complete all rotation requirements, and successfully complete all requirements of the long-term training experience.

**Facility and Training Resources**
Currently, interns and postdocs share a “bullpen” office with a desk, telephone, and computer terminal for each intern. Swing offices are utilized for individual patient sessions. On different rotations and in different clinic settings, interns may change offices. Training settings consist of large and small conference rooms, and group rooms.

Assessment instruments are available as needed including the MMPI-2 RF, PAI, Beck Depression Inventory, etc. Access to the online library is available. Interns may utilize library resources at Tulane University or Lousiana State University Medical Center.

**Administrative Policies and Procedures**
Problem resolution and complaint procedures to ensure fellows have due process in addressing concerns are available and described in our Psychology Internship Training Manual which interns receive in the beginning of the training year.

Self Disclosure - The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System’s Predoctoral Internship does not require interns to disclose personal information in the context of their training unless the supervisor feels that such personal information is needed in order to evaluate or obtain assistance for a student whose personal problems are preventing the student from performing professional activities competently or whose problems are posing a threat to the student or others.

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Training Staff

The following psychologists serve as primary supervisors and preceptors of interns. The following brief biographical sketches highlight the qualifications and interests of each faculty member.

Julie Arseneau, Ph.D. Staff Psychologist, PTSD Team; Psychology Training Director, SLVHCS; Prolonged Exposure National Consultant; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Tulane University School of Medicine. Counseling Psychology, University of Maryland-College Park, 2008. Dr. Arseneau completed her internship training in 2008 at SLVHCS and was invited on for a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical psychology at our site. She subsequently accepted a position within the PTSD program as OEF/OIF/OND (Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn) staff psychologist. She is licensed in LA. In addition to her clinical work at SLVHCS, Dr. Arseneau serves as a Prolonged Exposure therapy consultant for the National Center for PTSD. Her clinical practice is heavily influenced by relational theory and feminist-multipultural frameworks. Dr. Arseneau’s other professional interests include disaster-related trauma and acute stress reactions; gender and sexuality; feminist and culturally affirmative therapies; and mentoring. Dr. Arseneau is a New England-to-New Orleans transplant who loves local food and music, parading during Mardi Gras, and talking about her home state of Massachusetts. She is ambivalent about running but (mostly) does it anyway.

Jacqueline Ball, Ph.D. Staff Psychologist, PTSD/SUD Team. Counseling Psychology, Louisiana Tech University, 2014. Dr. Ball completed her pre-doctoral psychology internship and postdoctoral fellowship with an emphasis on PTSD treatment at SLVHCS. She accepted the position in the general PTSD program upon completion of her postdoctoral fellowship and has recently moved into a position on the PTSD/SUD subspecialty team. Her clinical interests include evidenced-based treatments for PTSD and depression and treating comorbid PTSD and substance use as well as affective and interpersonal difficulties stemming from complex trauma. Dr. Ball serves as a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression (CBT-D) training consultant for the CBT-D national VA training program. Dr. Ball is a Louisiana native and enjoys cheering on the New Orleans Saints and Ragin Cajuns of The University of Louisiana at Lafayette, attending festivals for the local food and music, and most importantly spending time with her family.

Michele N. Carroll, Psy.D. Staff Psychologist, Mental Health Clinic- St. John Community Outpatient Clinic. Clinical Psychology, Florida Institute of Technology, 1996. Dr. Carroll completed her internship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Consortium and a post-doctoral fellowship at Spain Rehabilitation (a hospital of the UAB system). She then became the Clinical Director and later the Executive Director of Region One Mental Health Center, a rural community mental health center located in the Mississippi Delta. She was very involved in Mississippi state psychological issues and became the President of the Mississippi Psychological Association in 2007. She returned to Louisiana in 2008 where she is licensed. Her clinical interests include rural mental health, suicide prevention, anxiety disorders, and self-care. In her spare time, Dr. Carroll paints, exercises, and enjoys family and friends.

Laurel Franklin, Ph.D. Interim Chief, Psychology Service; South Central MIRECC Site Director; Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, Tulane University School of Medicine. Dr. Franklin completed a Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology at the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, a psychology internship at the New Orleans VAMC (now SLVHCS), and a research postdoctoral fellowship at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital. She currently is licensed in Louisiana. Her professional interests are assessment of posttraumatic reactions; treatment of posttraumatic insomnia; and evidenced based treatments for PTSD. Dr. Franklin is currently the Site Investigator for the Cooperative Study 591, comparing Cognitive Processing
Therapy to Prolonged Exposure. Other ongoing research projects include examining symptom overlap on the Clinician Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 and examining use of measurement-based assessment in PTSD diagnostic exams. Dr. Franklin is a member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Anxiety and Depression Association of America, and the Louisiana Psychological Association. She is a board member for several peer-reviewed trauma journals. When not at work, Dr. Franklin enjoys keeping up with her eight-year-old son. She loves Mardi Gras and parading with the Krewe of Muses.

Michelle Hamilton, Ph.D. Associate Director of Psychology Training and Staff Psychologist, PTSD Team, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Neurology, Tulane University School of Medicine. Clinical Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi, 1994. Dr. Hamilton completed her pre-doctoral psychology internship at the New Orleans VAMC (now SLVHCS) in 1994 and began employment at the medical center directly after internship. She is licensed in Louisiana. Dr. Hamilton worked for several years on the inpatient psychiatric unit, the outpatient mental health clinic and most recently in the PTSD program. Her interests include using mind body medicine therapies, EMDR, ACT, and other alternative therapies with PTSD. Dr. Hamilton is passionate about everything New Orleans and can be found at various music, food, and art festivals on the weekends. She enjoys photography, travel, home renovation, and riding her scooter.

Shannon Hartley, Ph.D. Staff Psychologist, Ambulatory Mental Health. Clinical Psychology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2006. Dr. Hartley completed internship at the Medical University of Ohio and postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Psychology with the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Kosair Children’s Hospital. She then became employed by a private inpatient psychiatric facility in Birmingham, Alabama which served an inner-city population. She conducted psychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults. Upon moving to New Orleans, Dr. Hartley joined SLVHCS, conducting intakes for the PTSD program. In December 2013, she joined the Ambulatory Mental Health program. Dr. Hartley is licensed in Alabama. At the VA, Dr. Hartley works with a wide variety of diagnoses and presenting issues, she has a special interest in adjustment to chronic illness. She is also trained in Motivational Enhancement Therapy for Substance Use Disorder and enjoys conducting psychological assessments. Dr. Hartley was born and raised in Metairie, LA and enjoys everything about New Orleans culture, especially the food.

Baris B. Konur, Psy.D. Local Recovery Coordinator. Clinical Psychology, Regent University, 2005. Prior to completing his doctorate, Dr. Konur completed a one-year clinical internship with Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA with a focus on rehabilitation psychology and clinical neuropsychology within medical and psychiatric settings. Dr. Konur then completed a two year post-doctoral fellowship with the VHA National Center for Organization Development whose mission is to provide organizational assessment and consultation to VHA facilities nationwide. He is licensed in Ohio. These prior experiences have prepared him for his current position as Local Recovery Coordinator for the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System (SLVHCS). Dr. Konur participates in a variety of functions, including acting as coordinator and Mental Health liaison to the Mental Health Consumer Council, providing consultative services to mental health staff in areas of recovery, collaborating and partnering with community agencies, consulting with primary care staff on serious mental illness, as well as chairing the Disruptive Behavior Committee. Outside of SLVHCS, Dr. Konur enjoys offshore fishing, boating, golf and spending time with his family.

Amanda M. Raines, Ph.D. Core Investigator with the South Central MIRECC and SLVHCS; Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Louisiana State University. Dr. Raines completed her Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology at Florida State University in 2016 and both her pre
doctoral internship and post-doctoral residency at SLVHCS in 2016 and 2017, respectively. Dr. Raines’ research focuses on identifying and empirically examining transdiagnostic risk and maintenance factors, as well as the development and refinement of novel interventions that can be used to prevent and treat anxiety and related forms of pathology including PTSD and suicide. She is a member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT), and Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA). During her free time, Dr. Raines likes to hang out with Dr. Franklin and is sure she has other interests outside of psychology but cannot think of any at this time.

Karen Slaton, Ph.D. Health Behavior Coordinator, Team Leader: Primary Care Mental Health Integration, Pain Psychologist: Interdisciplinary Pain Management Program. Clinical Assistant Professor, Departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry, Tulane University School of Medicine. Counseling Psychology, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2000. Dr. Slaton completed a clinical psychology internship at Tulane University School of Medicine. After internship, she joined the faculty at Tulane in Family Medicine and Psychiatry where she remained until Hurricane Katrina. Prior to joining the New Orleans VA, Dr. Slaton maintained a private practice as the owner of Northshore Psychological Services and the Center for Wellness and Peak Performance. She is licensed in Louisiana. She is certified in Sports and Clinical Hypnosis and is Secretary/Treasurer for the New Orleans Society for Clinical Hypnosis. Dr. Slaton’s professional interests include behavioral medicine, mind-body medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, clinical hypnosis, performance enhancement and chronic pain. She is a fitness enthusiast and is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as a Health Fitness Specialist. She is also a registered yoga teacher.

Joseph O. Vigil, Ph.D. Staff Psychologist in Interdisciplinary Pain Management Program, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. Counseling Psychology, The University of Memphis, 2003. Dr. Vigil completed his pre-doctoral psychology internship at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System in 2003, and he completed his postdoctoral hours working for a private practice in the New Orleans area in 2005, where he also served as a consultant/expert witness in regional torts. Dr. Vigil holds an additional license in Louisiana as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and specializes in rehabilitation psychology assessment and counseling. He is also a member of the American Psychological Association. When not at work for SLVHCS, Dr. Vigil mostly spends time with his children and family. He also enjoys playing and coaching soccer, as well as personal training, when not actively advancing awareness and research for classic Late Infantile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (or Batten Disease).

Jessica Walton, Ph.D. Staff Psychologist, PTSD/SUD Team. Clinical Psychology, Illinois Institute of Technology, College of Psychology 2011. Dr. Walton completed her pre-doctoral psychology internship and postdoctoral fellowship with an emphasis on PTSD treatment and research, at SLVHCS. She accepted the position as PTSD/SUD psychologist upon completion of her postdoctoral fellowship. Her professional interests are evidenced based treatments for PTSD; cognitive behavioral psychotherapy; treatment of posttraumatic insomnia; exposure-based treatments; and clinical research. She is currently a Co-Investigator and study therapist on a research project examining the effectiveness of Prolonged Exposure (PE) delivered via traditional telemedicine and iPhones to veterans diagnosed with PTSD. Dr. Walton is also a member of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. A New Orleans native, Dr. Walton enjoys playing beach volleyball and is an avid New Orleans Saints fan (Who Dat!).
Trainees
We currently maintain five intern positions, which may be filled by either Clinical or Counseling Psychology students. Our former interns have gone on to work in VA medical centers, private practices, mental health units in the military, university medical centers, state hospitals, community mental health clinics, counseling centers, and universities. Many of our recent interns have chosen to pursue postdoctoral training in specialty areas including health psychology, PTSD, and research. Please see last page of brochure for trainee’s initial post internship positions.

Below is a list of recent trainee classes and the doctoral programs they attended.

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Local Information
The city of New Orleans is a cosmopolitan community. One of the oldest and most fascinating cities in the United States, thousands of visitors enjoys its unique attractions throughout the year. The famous French Quarter has been declared a National Landmark as have other areas of the city, and the beautiful homes of the upper and lower Garden District reflect the genius of the architects who designed them. At Jackson Square, where the French Quarter meets the Mississippi, one can see paddlewheels, ferries and tugboats side by side. New Orleans is famous as a birthplace of jazz music, which is played at a wide variety of venues in the city, and a rich diversity of all musical styles abounds. If one enjoys live theater and the ballet, Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre, and the New Orleans City Ballet draw enthusiastic audiences. The Mardi Gras tradition is very much alive, and the beautiful parades preceding the Lenten season are described as the greatest free show on earth. Carnival is soon followed by the French Quarter Festival and the internationally acclaimed Jazz & Heritage Festival. The New Orleans area is known worldwide for its French, Creole and Cajun cuisine, as well as the famous seafood of the Gulf Coast Region. Recreational activities such as university and professional football, e.g., the annual Sugar Bowl is held in New Orleans. In view of the New Orleans SLVHCS, the Louisiana Superdome is the largest enclosed stadium in the world (and how about those Saints?? Who Dat!). For those who love the outdoors, Louisiana is a sportsman’s paradise, with good fishing and hunting, and beautiful Lake Ponchatrain is available for boating. Rental properties of varying types and locations are readily available at moderate rates. A semitropical climate with rare freezes and lush vegetation makes New Orleans an inviting place for the internship year.
**Additional Information on Federal Appointments**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adheres to all Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policies. As a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Health Professions Trainee (HPT), you will receive a Federal appointment, and the following requirements will apply prior to that appointment:

1. **U.S. Citizenship.** HPTs who receive a direct stipend (pay) must be U.S. citizens. Trainees who are not VA paid (without compensation-WOC) who are not U.S. citizens may be appointed and must provide current immigrant, non-immigrant or exchange visitor documents.

2. **U.S. Social Security Number.** All VA appointees must have a U.S. social security number (SSN) prior to beginning the pre-employment, on-boarding process at the VA.

3. **Selective Service Registration.** Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the Selective Service by age 26 to be eligible for U.S. government employment, including selection as a paid or WOC VA trainee. For additional information about the Selective Service System, and to register or to check your registration status visit [https://www.sss.gov/](https://www.sss.gov/). Anyone who was required to register but did not register before the age of 26 will need to apply for a Status Information Letter (SIL) and request a waiver. Waivers are rare and requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the VA Office of Human Resources Management. This process can take up to six months for a verdict.

4. **Fingerprint Screening and Background Investigation.** All HPTs will be fingerprinted and undergo screenings and background investigations. Additional details about the required background checks can be found at the following website: [http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/10450.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-order/10450.html).

5. **Drug Testing.** Per Executive Order 12564, the VA strives to be a Drug-Free Workplace. HPTs are not drug-tested prior to appointment, however, are subject to random drug testing throughout the entire VA appointment period. You will be asked to sign an acknowledgement form stating you are aware of this practice. See item 8 below.

6. **Affiliation Agreement.** To ensure shared responsibility between an academic program and the VA there must be a current and fully executed Academic Affiliation Agreement on file with the VHA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). The affiliation agreement delineates the duties of VA and the affiliated institution. Most APA-accredited doctoral programs have an agreement on file. More information about this document can be found at [https://www.va.gov/oaa/agreements.asp](https://www.va.gov/oaa/agreements.asp) (see section on psychology internships). Post-degree programs typically will not have an affiliation agreement, as the HPT is no longer enrolled in an academic program and the program is VA sponsored.

7. **TQCVL.** To streamline on-boarding of HPTs, VHA Office of Academic Affiliations requires completion of a Trainee Qualifications and Credentials Verification Letter (TQCVL). An Educational Official at the Affiliate must complete and sign this letter. For post-graduate programs where an affiliate is not the program sponsor, this process must be completed by the VA Training Director. Your VA appointment cannot happen until the TQCVL is submitted and signed by senior leadership from the VA facility. For more information about this document, please visit [https://www.va.gov/OAA/TQCVL.asp](https://www.va.gov/OAA/TQCVL.asp)

   a. **Health Requirements.** Among other things, the TQCVL confirms that you, the trainee, are fit to perform the essential functions (physical and mental) of the training program and immunized following current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and VHA policy. This protects you, other employees and patients while working in a healthcare facility. Required are annual tuberculosis screening, Hepatitis B vaccine as well as annual influenza vaccine. *Declinations are EXTREMELY rare.* If you decline the flu vaccine you will be required to wear a mask while in patient care areas of the VA.
b. **Primary source verification of all prior education and training** is certified via the TQCVL. Training and Program Directors will be contacting the appropriate institutions to ensure you have the appropriate qualifications and credentials as required by the admission criteria of the training program in which you are enrolled.

8. **Additional On-boarding Forms.** Additional pre-employment forms include the Application for Health Professions Trainees (VA 10-2850D) and the Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306). These documents and others are available online for review at [https://www.va.gov/oaa/app-forms.asp](https://www.va.gov/oaa/app-forms.asp). Falsifying any answer on these required Federal documents will result in the inability to appoint or immediate dismissal from the training program.

9. **Proof of Identity per VA.** VA on-boarding requires presentation of two source documents (IDs). Documents must be unexpired and names on both documents must match. For more information visit: [https://www.oit.va.gov/programs/piv/_media/docs/IDMatrix.pdf](https://www.oit.va.gov/programs/piv/_media/docs/IDMatrix.pdf)

Additional information regarding eligibility requirements for appointment as a psychology HPT can be found at the end of this brochure.

**Additional information regarding eligibility requirements (with hyperlinks)**

- Selective Service website where the requirements, benefits and penalties of registering vs. not registering are outlined: [https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Why-Register/Benefits-and-Penalties](https://www.sss.gov/Registration/Why-Register/Benefits-and-Penalties)

**Additional information specific suitability information from Title 5 (referenced in VHA Handbook 5005 – hyperlinks included):**

(b) **Specific factors.** In determining whether a person is suitable for Federal employment, only the following factors will be considered a basis for finding a person unsuitable and taking a suitability action:

1. Misconduct or negligence in employment;
2. Criminal or dishonest conduct;
3. Material, intentional false statement, or deception or fraud in examination or appointment;
4. Refusal to furnish testimony as required by § 5.4 of this chapter;
5. Alcohol abuse, without evidence of substantial rehabilitation, of a nature and duration that suggests that the applicant or appointee would be prevented from performing the duties of the position in question, or would constitute a direct threat to the property or safety of the applicant or appointee or others;
6. Illegal use of narcotics, drugs, or other controlled substances without evidence of substantial rehabilitation;
7. Knowing and willful engagement in acts or activities designed to overthrow the U.S. Government by force; and
8. Any statutory or regulatory bar which prevents the lawful employment of the person involved in the position in question.

(c) **Additional considerations.** OPM and agencies must consider any of the following additional considerations to the extent OPM or the relevant agency, in its sole discretion, deems any of them pertinent to the individual case:

1. The nature of the position for which the person is applying or in which the person is employed;
2. The nature and seriousness of the conduct;
3. The circumstances surrounding the conduct;
4. The recency of the conduct;
5. The age of the person involved at the time of the conduct;
6. Contributing societal conditions; and
7. The absence or presence of rehabilitation or efforts toward rehabilitation.
Trainee Outcomes, Support and Outcome Data

Date Program Tables are updated: September 2018

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: See pages 1-2 of this brochure for description of selection criteria.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? Yes.

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours: 300

Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours: 100

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants: Dissertation proposal successfully completed.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

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*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)

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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.