

Office of Mental Health Buffalo Psychiatric Center

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? Image: Completion of the institution of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of the institution of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of purpose? Image: Completion of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of purpose? Image: Completion of the institution of purpose? Image: Completion of purpose? Image: Co

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 internship program at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center (BPC) is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) and is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). BPC's commitment to psychology training spans over thirty years of providing practicum training and internship training to cohorts since 2012. Once BPC received funding to support interns (2016), it gained APPIC membership and achieved full accreditation on July 21, 2019. The Internship Training Program is committed to the recruitment of qualified interns of all races, religions, cultures, ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, range of abilities, and national origins who are legally authorized to work in the United States.

The yearlong training is designed to provide a solid foundation on the assessment and treatment of severe acute and chronic severe mental illness (SMI) across the adult lifespan (18 to 65+). BPC serves a diverse patient population and understands that patients' needs are best served by a diverse team to respond more effectively to the wide-ranging backgrounds and experiences. Bilingual or multilingual interns may have the potential to work with patients from countries represented by Buffalo's immigrant and refugee population.

The program structure is anchored around the nine Profession-wide Competencies (PWCs) through clinical, didactic, and experiential activities to support interns to meet the expected minimum level of achievement (MLAs) by the end of the training year. Using a developmental training model, the clinical experiences are sequential, cumulative, and graded in complexity.

TRAINING YEAR - 12 months | Start Date September 4, 2025 | End date September 3, 2026

REQUIRED INTERNSHIP TRAINING HOURS - The internship year consists of 2,000 hours over 12 months of fulltime employment, 40 hours per week (50 weeks, including 13 NYS state holidays).

DAILY WORK SCHEDULE - 8.5 hours, with a 30-minute unpaid lunch. Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30 pm, with the possibility of one late day (9:30am-6:00pm).

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, how many:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours:	YES	500 hours
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours:	YES	100 hours

SITE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Three (3) letters of recommendations including one from a *faculty member*, an *assessment supervisor*, and an *intervention supervisor*.
- Two (2) redacted ADULT assessment reports, no more than 10 pages in length.

Other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:	
US Citizen or Legally Authorized to work in the US	Required
Doctoral Program Accreditation	Required
Comprehensive Examinations Passed by Application Deadline	Required
Dissertation Proposal Defended by Application Deadline	Required
Minimum Intervention Hours	500 Hours
Experience Working with Adult SMI Population	Required
Experience Working in an Inpatient Setting	Preferred
Experience conducting groups with adults	Preferred
Minimum Assessment Hours	100 Hours
Minimum of 8 integrative batteries, at least 5 adults batteries	Required

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*					
Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns		\$ 39,104			
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns					
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?		M	YES	□ NO	
Trainee contri	bution to cost required?	A	YES	□ NO	
Coverage of family member(s) available?		A	YES	🗆 NO	
Coverage of legally married partner available?		A	YES	D NO	
Coverage of domestic partner available?		M	YES	□ NO	
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time off 40 hrs - Personal L 12 days - Vacation 13 days - Legal Hol		n			
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave			104 hours		
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require program allows reasonable unpaid leave to intern in excess of pers leave?	-			□ NO	
Other Be	enefits				
 Malpractice insurance is provided Dental and Vision Care Flex Spending Account 	 EAP services Paid Professional Deve Up to \$1,600 in conference 	•	• •		
Retirement benefits	reimbursement				

*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)		
	2021-2024 7	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts		
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are		
completing doctoral degree	1	
	PD	PE
Academic teaching	0	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	1	0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	0	1
Psychiatric facility	0	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	0	1
Other	0	0
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.