Goal of the Internship Program

- To provide a comprehensive internship training experience that prepares doctoral residents to serve as generalists within the field of clinical psychology.

Internship Training Objectives

To prepare doctoral candidates to competently deliver treatment services for:

- Substance Use Disorders and co-occurring issues
- Children and families
- Specialized populations, including forensics
- Individuals in crisis
- Individuals within a community mental health setting

Resident Expectations

- Residents are expected to provide a minimum of 500 hours of direct client service.
- Residents will work 40-45 hours each week.
- Two evenings per week are required as part of the internship.
- Residents will complete four rotations and demonstrate competency in working with each population.
- Residents will demonstrate the ability to present cases and provide didactic training to various staff members.
- Residents will demonstrate competency in utilizing evidenced-based treatments.

Holcomb’s internship is a 2000 hour program which runs from August 1st through July 31st. The internship cohort is comprised of up to 6 residents. Background checks and drug screening will be completed in order to begin internship. For more information, please contact the Training Director.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Internship stipend: $23,712 per year/based on 40 hours per week.
- Vacation: 80 hours
- Holidays: 10 days
- Health Insurance: Available with partial premium paid by Holcomb.

Holcomb’s internship program is APA-accredited and a participating member of APPIC.

Questions related to the program’s accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:
Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
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Information Brochure

Internship Year 2023-2024

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Description of Resident Activities:

Didactics and Case Conference
- Residents will participate in 2 hours of didactics each week.
- Topics included, but are not limited to:
  - Therapy Techniques
  - Assessment and treatment of specialized population
  - Cultural Competency
  - Co-occurring issues
  - Ethics
- Each resident will present two 2 hour didactics.
- Residents will participate in 2 hours of case conference weekly.

Outreach Project
- Each resident will conduct one community outreach project.
- The specific nature of the project will be developed with the Internship Training Director.

Outpatient Therapy
- Each resident will maintain a schedule of approximately 8 hours per week of outpatient therapy with a diverse clinical population, which can include children/adolescents, adults, or families.
- Residents will complete diagnostic evaluations and engage in treatment planning, safety planning, and crisis planning.

Child/Adolescent Rotation (4 months):
- Rotation is based in the IBHS program located in schools in West Philadelphia.
- Residents may have the chance to provide in-home services.
- Clinical responsibilities include providing individual and family therapy to children/adolescents and their families.

Substance Abuse Rotation (4 months):
- Rotation is based in the Substance Abuse Outpatient Program in the Kennett Square office.
- Clinical responsibilities may include individual therapy, group therapy, & chemical dependency evaluations.

Crisis Services Rotation (4 months):
- Rotation is based out of Exton, PA but may have a significant mobile component in Chester County.
- Provide telephone crisis triage and therapeutic support.
- Conduct outreach to clients at home, school, work, police stations, and hospitals.
- Conduct short-term bridge therapy sessions.
- Conduct group and individual psychotherapy with crisis residential clients.

Forensic Rotation (full year):
- Residents will conduct clinical evaluations to determine eligibility for Chester County’s Mental Health Court.
- In addition, residents may have the chance to conduct psychological evaluations throughout the year. This will be based on need/availability.

Supervision:
- Each resident receives a minimum of two hours of supervision a week from licensed psychologists.
- A primary supervisor is assigned for the entire year for outpatient therapy cases.

Holcomb’s internship training program has been in existence since 2005. Our residents are seen as an integral part of our company and have earned a reputation of providing quality services to the communities that we serve. The staff of the internship consistently seeks to provide new and diverse educational and training experiences for the residents while maintaining the program’s goals and integrity.