

Postdoctoral Residency Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Postdoctoral 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:

The Postdoctoral Fellowship at CAVHS utilizes a practitioner-scholar model of training, and fellows train as Junior Colloquies. Our mission is to train healthcare professionals who meet general advanced practice competencies in psychology and can function effectively in a broad range of multidisciplinary settings. Two clinical tracks are offered with Emphasis areas in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery (PSR) and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), respectively. Both tracks strive to provide a strong training in evidence-based practices and to promote a recovery orientation to all services provided. Our training program offers the opportunity to work within a multidisciplinary community to establish a more integrated professional identity. Throughout all aspects of the program, an emphasis is placed on ethical and legal considerations, individual and cultural diversity, and professionalism. Considerable attention is paid to the professional development of the Fellow as a clinician, consultant, clinical scholar, supervisor, educator, program innovator and evaluator, interdisciplinary team member and consumer advocate. We offer a substantive training program that includes a variety of opportunities for supervised experience in both the delivery of direct clinical services (e.g. assessment, intervention, case management) as well as other professional services that are part of the expected skill set of a competent health professional (e.g. teaching, training, research, scholarly presentations, professional consultation, conducting supervision, outreach and advocacy, program development and evaluation, etc.).

Competitive applicants are those who possess solid foundational skills in clinical psychology, who seek and utilize supervision effectively, who are willing to be personally and professionally challenged, and who evidence a desire to learn and practice recovery-based mental health care.

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Prior to initiating employment, candidates for the Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship must have earned a Doctorate from an APA-accredited graduate program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology (or meet APA criteria for re-specialization in Clinical or Counseling Psychology). Candidates must also have completed an internship program accredited by the APA Commission on Accreditation, or an internship sponsored by the VA. VA is unable to consider applications from anyone who is not currently a U.S. citizen; and male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 to be eligible for any US government employment. After selection decisions have been finalized, employment is contingent upon successfully passing fingerprinting and background checks, meeting VA physical health requirements (e.g. current vaccinations), as well as random drug screens (if administered).

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year *

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Residents	46,222
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Residents	n/a
Program provides access to medical insurance for fellow?	Yes
If access to medical insurance is provided:	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes
Coverage of domestic partner available?	No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	104
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	104
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

<p>Other Benefits (please describe):</p> <p>Dental & Vision Insurance are available; Professional Development Time, Administrative Leave to attend conferences; Licensing Exam Release Time; Tort Liability Protection for actions carried out within the employee's scope of practice</p>
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*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table

Initial Post-Residency Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2017-2020	
Total # of residents who were in the 3 cohorts	10	
Total # of residents who remain in training in the residency program	3	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	0	0
Federally qualified health center	0	0
Independent primary care facility/clinic	0	0
University counseling center	0	0
Veterans Affairs medical center	0	9
Military health center	0	0
Academic health center	0	0
Other medical center or hospital	0	1
Psychiatric hospital	0	0
Academic university/department	0	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	0	0
Not currently employed	0	0
Changed to another field	0	0
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.