

MSPP INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Selection Criteria

1. Academic Record

Student applicants must have received approval via the MSPP Internship Readiness Committee of their readiness for internship level training. For this to occur, a student must have successfully completed theory, clinical, assessment and research foundation courses by June 30 of their second year in the program, received field supervisors' evaluations and mid-semester assessment reports indicating successful progress and competency as a practicum student, and received an overall Assessment and Planning Conference evaluation indicating that the student has met expected standards academically and clinically. The Advisor's Readiness for Internship Summary must indicate specific clinical readiness and successful completion of all relevant competency requirements in the first two years of the MSPP program.

2. Clinical Experience

Student applicants must have completed 1440 hours of practicum experience prior to the beginning of the internship. It is preferred that students have some hours in a relevant setting or with a population similar to that of the Consortium site. Students applying to the Faulkner Hospital-Rhode Island College track must have completed the cognitive and projective courses prior to beginning the internship and must have experience with the administration and scoring of such tests.

3. Scholarly Requirement

Consistent with the practitioner-scholar model, student interns will be expected to be simultaneously enrolled in the MSPP Doctoral Project Seminar I and II while in the first year of half-time internship and Advanced Clinical Seminar in Supervision during the second year of half-time internship.

Evidence of professional, organized, articulate writing skills is preferred.

4. Diversity/Multicultural Interest/Experience

Preference will be given to applicants with a strong interest and commitment to developing multi-cultural competency. Spanish fluency and proficiency is a plus for intern applicants for the Lynn Community Health Center and Wediko Childrens Services. Students with awareness and sensitivity to their own cultural issues preferred.

5. Site Match

Intern applicants are preferred with evidence of an interest in training and a desire to work in the particular setting or with a similar population as fitting the Consortium track to which one applies. This can be shown by coursework choices, doctoral project area, and field placements. Previous related experience is preferred by Consortium internship sites.

6. Letters of Recommendation

Interns are preferred who are highly recommended, without reservation in three letters of recommendation from a combination of both academic instructors and clinical supervisors.

7. Personal Qualities

Interns who are team players with a professional demeanor are preferred. Flexibility and an openness to learn are desired.

Selection Procedures

Candidates must select and apply to only one Internship Consortium track.

Candidates may withdraw from the selection process at any time before accepting an internship offer. If an intern accepts an offer from the Internship Consortium, the candidate must commit to the two year training track.

The selection committee will consist of the senior staff at each site. Sites are requested to interview all candidates who apply. Interview times, format, and questions will be determined by each site. Candidates will also be encouraged to talk with current interns about their training experiences on an "off the record" basis. Candidates can review previous intern site evaluation forms in the MSPP Field Training Office. Current interns will not be part of the selection committee and will have no selection authority.

Candidates who are no longer under consideration after the interview will be notified by telephone or in writing by the site as soon as possible at the conclusion of the interviews. When interviews are concluded, the Consortium Coordinators from each internship track will inform the Consortium Director which intern applicants were offered and accepted an internship spot. The Consortium Director will not interview or rank any candidates. Internship offers will be made no later than February 3, 2012.

The MSPP Internship Consortium adheres to affirmative action policies. People with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The internship begins on September 1, 2012, except Rhode Island College which begins on

August 16, 2012. Please note that Roger Williams University will NOT be accepting Consortium interns for the 2012-2013 training year.

Application Requirements

Applications are due January 3, 2012. One application should be e-mailed to site Consortium Coordinator and one to the Consortium Director. Applications must include:

1. Cover letter indicating to which Consortium Site Track one is applying, and information answering the following question: "How do you envision this Consortium site will meet your training goals and interests?" Please address site-specific issues and training opportunities.
2. A 500 word autobiographical statement. There is no "correct" format for this question. Answer the question as if someone had asked you "Tell me something about yourself." It is entirely up to you to decide what information you wish to provide along with the format in which to represent it.
3. A 500 word description of your theoretical orientation and how this influences your approach to case conceptualization and intervention. You may use de-identified case material to illustrate your points if you wish,
4. A 500 word description of your experience and training in work with diverse populations. Your discussion should display explicitly the manner in which multicultural/diversity issues influence your clinical practice and case conceptualization.
5. A 500 word description of your research experience and interests.
6. Current résumé/vita.
7. Three letters of recommendation from persons with direct knowledge of the intern applicant's academic performance and supervised field experience and/or related work experience.
8. Clinical work sample, which can be a psychological testing report, diagnostic interview, or clinical treatment summary.

Contact Information for Sites

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