

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data
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**NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER SAN DIEGO,
NAVY CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

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?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	
N/A	

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 has two overarching aims. The first is to train psychologists with intermediate to advanced competency for entry level, generalist practice in health service psychology. The second is to train psychologists who are competent with the knowledge and skills required to practice health service psychology effectively within the military. Training stresses exposure to multiple theoretical orientations and techniques. Rotations include Adult Outpatient Mental Health/Psychological Assessment, Health Psychology, Inpatient Mental Health/Emergency Mental Health Services, an operational rotation focused on Navy service members called Mental Health Operational Outreach Division, and an operational rotation focused on U.S. Marines called Marine Corps Mental Health.

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

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours	No		Amount: N/A
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	No		Amount: N/A

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

1. U.S. citizenship required.
2. Applicants must meet all age, security background check, and medical requirements for commissioning as officers in the United States Navy. (AGE LIMIT: No more than age 41 at the time of commissioning).
3. APA-accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology required.
4. Comprehensive examinations passed by APPIC application deadline.
5. Dissertation proposal approved by APPIC ranking deadline.
6. Given the predominantly adult focus of the Navy internship, and of Navy Psychology in general, we specifically seek applicants with practicum experience in generalist clinical evaluation, assessment and psychotherapy with adults. Some experience with adults with major psychopathology is desirable but not mandatory. Applicants with minimal experience with adults, or with adult experience only in narrowly focused specialty areas such as neuropsychological assessment, would be at a significant disadvantage in our review.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$124,566.96 (with dependents); \$121,326.96 (without dependents)	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	N/A	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	☒ Yes	☐ No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	☒ Yes	☐ No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	☒ Yes	☐ No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	30 days	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	As needed	
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	☐ No
Other Benefits (please describe): 1. Dissertation release time 2. Full Medical and Dental benefits 3. Life Insurance 4. Salary includes tax free housing allowance		

** U.S. Navy has no unpaid leave status; such situations would be handled with leave, convalescent leave, or limited duty status for intern medical conditions (all with pay), or assessed for paid humanitarian leave for family needs. In any case, interns remain in a paid status, though internship completion may need to be extended.

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2022-2025	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	17	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	PD =	EP =
Community mental health center	PD =	EP =
Consortium	PD =	EP =
University Counseling Center	PD =	EP =
Hospital/Medical Center	PD =	EP = 17**
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	PD =	EP =
Psychiatric facility	PD =	EP =
Correctional facility	PD =	EP =
Health maintenance organization	PD =	EP =
School district/system	PD =	EP =
Independent practice setting	PD =	EP =
Other	PD =	EP =

**** In keeping with required Navy service after internship completion, all 17 interns went on to psychology staff positions in Navy Medicine hospitals or clinics.**

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.