



Welcome to Internship!

We are so pleased that you are interested in the Doctoral Internship at Valley Health Systems. 2017-2018 will be the inaugural year for this internship, though we have been participating in training doctoral students for the past four years. We have a lot to offer our interns in terms of training and professional development. It is a goal of this internship to contribute to the development of a highly trained professional workforce with a passion for providing services to underserved patient populations, whether interns ultimately find themselves in practice in our community or elsewhere.

In determining the clinical rotations to offer in the internship, we considered the various roles that Health Service Psychologists take on in a primary care setting. Interns will provide services at varying levels of integration and work closely with other health care professionals to provide the best services we can offer to our patients. Our primary rotations in outpatient services, integrated primary care, and the Medication Assisted Therapy for Opioid addiction program offer interns a breadth of experiences that will prove valuable. Additionally, there is opportunity within these rotations, and our secondary rotations of assessment and research, for interns to shape their training experience in a way that best fits their individual training needs and professional goals as they prepare for independent practice. Given the growth of our department and expansion of services, there are also opportunities to be involved in program development throughout the training year.

Much as internship is a year of intense professional experience and development, the inaugural year will be an intense and developmental experience for this program. We look forward to benefitting from the knowledge and passion of our interns as we strive to continue our own professional development and development of our training program. I look to our interns to provide honest feedback regarding their experiences so that we can continue to work to improve the training that we offer as we work toward our goal of offering high-quality training.

I look forward to working with you.

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