**Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data**

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**Program Disclosures**

As articulated in Standard I.B.2, programs may have “admission and employment policies that directly relate to affiliation or purpose” that may be faith-based or secular in nature. However, such policies and practices must be disclosed to the public. Therefore, programs are asked to respond to the following question.

**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. x Yes**

**No**

**If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented**

The United States Air Force offers up to 24 fully funded one-year intern positions in clinical psychology across three training sites (Wright-Patterson Medical Center, Malcolm Grow Medical Clinics and Surgical Center, and Wilford-Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center). The Air Force welcomes applications from all qualified persons who meet the following eligibility requirements:

* Be selected for and accepting a commission in the United States Air Force, and agreeing to an active duty service commitment.\*
* Be a U.S. citizen
* Meet the health and fitness requirements for commissioning in the United States Air Force as determined by medical history and physical examination.
* Meet the standards for issuance of a secret security clearance as determined by history and background investigation.
* Satisfactorily complete all academic and practica requirements for the Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical, counseling, or combined professional-scientific psychology from an APA-accredited graduate program (Air Force Instruction 44-119, 7.9.2.1). This includes, at a minimum, the completion of preliminary and comprehensive examinations and doctoral dissertation proposal approval.
* Be ready for internship as certified by the Director of Clinical Training at their graduate program.
* Dissertation progress is a factor in the selection process. Completion of the dissertation prior to internship is stronglyencouraged to allow for full participation in the wealth of training opportunities available during the internship.
* Eligibility for commissioning as a United States Military Officer requires robust health as defined by a health history free of specified impediments, current physical strength/endurance tests, and impeccable moral character as defined by a life history free of impediment (specified list of exclusions related to ethical violations, personal finance/credit management, contacts with governmental authorities and law enforcement agencies, etc.) The main point of contact for questions regarding fitness for duty is a Health Professions recruiter from the Air Force Recruiting Service (AFRS). The Health Professions recruiter is authorized to screen for health, fitness, and legal conditions that may be disqualifying for service. To find your nearest recruiter, visit the following website:

<https://www.airforce.com/find-a-recruiter>

\*Active duty service commitment begins after successful completion of internship. The standard length of the service commitment duration is a minimum of three years, provided the psychologist obtains independent licensure within the first year of service post-internship. Further, psychologists in other situations will incur longer service commitments, such as recipients of the Health Professions Scholarship Program, graduates of Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Reserve Officer Training Corps, and other prior active duty service related commitments. The actual terms of your commitment will be clearly outlined in your commissioning paperwork that will be provided to you by a health professions recruiter and will be consistent with AFMAN 36-2100, Table A2.2 (https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af\_a1/publication/afman36-2100/afman36-2100.pdf).

**Internship 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:** |
| First, we seek applicants who want to serve in the Air Force as officers for at least the next four years (i.e., internship plus three years). Air Force life is exciting and rewarding, but obviously, it doesn’t appeal to everyone. We seek individuals with professional and personal goals that are compatible not only with those of our program, but are congruent with those of a military lifestyle and professional practice. Traits contributing to effectiveness as an officer and psychologist include maturity, good interpersonal skills, and a strong work ethic. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are a must.  Next, we look for internship candidates whose academic and clinical preparation for training are congruent with our mission and philosophy. We value applicants with a history of excellence achieved in APA accredited training programs which integrate coursework in the science of psychology with a strong emphasis on clinical practice and the practical application of psychological research to clinical decision making. Progress on the dissertation is a very important factor in our selection decision, with highest consideration given to applicants who will have this completed by the start of the residency, and strong interest in those who are likely to complete it by the end of the residency year. Given our emphasis on training psychologists who can function in many areas of clinical expertise and responsibility, we look for applicants with a track record of strong, broadly based clinical experiences in a variety of treatment settings relevant to the needs of our population. Since we employ cognitive-behavioral and other evidence-based interventions in all of our clinics, a good general understanding of and experience with this orientation are important. |
| **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:** N **Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours:** N |
| **Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:** At least ten integrative psychological reports is not required for your application to be reviewed, but this is a benchmark we look for in assessing applicants. |
| **Overall Total Direct Contact Hours:** Yes **Amount:** 500  Wright-Patterson Medical Center’s Clinical Psychology training program requires a completed minimum of 500 face-to-face hours of supervised practicum experience by the time the application is submitted. Our training program does not require a specific breakdown or percentage of intervention hours to assessment hours to meet the minimum of 500 face-to-face hours requirement. |

**Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year**

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| **Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns** | $80,081.76\* |
| Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns | N/A |
| Program provides access to medical insurance for intern? | Yes |
| If access to medical insurance is provided: |  |
| Trainee contribution to cost required? | No |
| 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) | **80** during training year (240 thereafter) |
| Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave | Per applicable policy below |
| 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? | No  No |
| Other benefits (please describe): There are many. Please speak with the training director and/or a recruiter for details. | |
| Dental and vision benefits for intern, and available dental and vision benefits (with cost-share) for legally married partner and children.   In the event of illness, service members will be evaluated by a medical professional and placed in convalescent leave as needed in order to receive appropriate treatment. Parental leave of up to 12 weeks is granted after the birth of a child (please note that time away from training limitations apply, and an extension of training may be required to ensure all requirements are met). Paid moving expenses to internship site and follow-on assignment, as well as to home of record after completion of AF commitment. Life insurance/disability insurance (with cost-share). Incentive pay (after licensure), board certification pay and retention bonus. Potential student loan repayment. Retirement benefits.  \*Annual salary depicted is based on a first-year Captain without prior military service, filing taxes as single, and without claiming dependents, both of which would increase pay. Pay includes “Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)”, which is tax-free and the amount varies depending on duty location. Base pay is the same at all military sites. Total pay is adjusted based on the cost of housing in the respective area. Please consult  [https://militarypay.defense.gov/calculators/rmc-calculator//](https://militarypay.defense.gov/) for further details.   \*Note. Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this  table. | |

**Initial Post-Internship Positions**

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

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|  | **2019-22** | |
| Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts | 14 | |
| Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree | 1 | |
|  | PD | EP |
| Academic teaching | 0  0 | 0 |
| Community mental health center | 0 | 0 |
| Consortium | 0 | 0 |
| University Counseling Center | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital/Medical Center | 0 | 13 |
| Veterans Affairs Health Care System | 0 | 0 |
| Psychiatric facility | 0 | 0 |
| Correctional facility | 0 | 0 |
| Health maintenance organization | 0 | 0 |
| School district/system | 0 | 0 |
| Independent practice setting | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 1 |

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