

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.

Yes

No

The United States Air Force offers up to 20 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 strongly encouraged 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

Our program seeks 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 can be very exciting and rewarding, but understandably it may not appeal to everyone. We seek individuals with professional and personal goals that are compatible not only with those of our program, but also with those of a military lifestyle and professional practice. Traits contributing to effectiveness as an officer and psychologist include maturity, strong interpersonal skills, and an exceptional work ethic. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are a must for performing well as a future Air Force psychologist.

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 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 internship, and strong interest in those who are likely to complete it by the end of the internship 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 our clinics, a foundational understanding of and experience with this orientation is important.

Required Minimum Number of Clinical Hours at Time of Application

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| Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours: | N/A |
| Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours: | N/A |
| Overall Total Direct Contact Hours: | 500 |

Wright-Patterson Medical Center’s Clinical Psychology training program requires a 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.

Other Required Minimum Criteria Used to Screen Applicants

See above “Program Disclosures” for additional Air Force eligibility requirements.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

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| Annual Stipend / Salary for Full-Time Interns * | |
| Without Dependents | \$83,892.96 |
| With Dependents (Spouse or children) | \$87,924.96 |
| 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 (after training year) |
| Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave | |
| | N/A (see 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? | |
| | Yes (see below) |
| Other Benefits: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental and vision benefits are provided for the intern while available dental and vision benefits (with cost-share) for legally married partner and children. In the event of illness, interns will be evaluated by a medical professional and placed in convalescent leave as needed in order to receive appropriate medical 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 Air Force 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 (O-3) without prior military service. 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/> for further details.

Initial Post-Internship Positions

| | 2020 - 2023 | |
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| Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts | 13 | |
| Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program / are completing doctoral degree | 2 | |
| | PD | EP |
| Academic Teaching | 0 | 0 |
| Community Mental Health Center | 0 | 0 |
| Consortium | 0 | 0 |
| University Counseling Center | 0 | 0 |
| Hospital / Medical Center | 0 | 11 |
| 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 | 0 |
| Note: PD = Post-Doctoral Residency Position EP = Employed Position | | |