

Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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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?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, provide website link (or content from brochure) where this specific information is presented:	
The Harris County Children’s Assessment Center has to meet standards of the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC) as a certified advocacy center and the program requires interns to complete some training in the evidence-based modalities approved by NCAC. Interns who successfully match to the program will be subject to a criminal background check through the Department of Family Protective Services. Harris County does not employ individuals who have had a felony within the past ten years or a misdemeanor within the past five years. In addition, Harris County is committed to providing a workplace free of drugs and alcohol. Therefore, interns must also pass a drug and alcohol screening prior to their employment with Harris County. The above information is also found on the program’s website (https://cachouston.org/about-the-cac/internship-goals-philosophy-of-training/).	

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 Harris County Children's Assessment Center (HCCAC) doctoral internship program currently offers two internship slots. It is our expectation that interns come prepared with the requisite counseling skills commensurate with a doctoral level candidate starting in a doctoral internship program. The HCCAC bases its selection process on a holistic view of the potential intern's application, including the AAPI, cover letter, CV, standardized reference forms, graduate transcripts, and two complete redacted psychological assessment reports. Applicants are required to have a minimum of 400 intervention hours and 50 assessment hours while individuals with practicum experience in psychological assessment of children or adolescents and who have defended their Dissertation/Clinical Research Project proposal are preferred. In addition, The HCCAC prefers applicants who have some experience or special interest in working with diverse populations and child abuse or other trauma populations.

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	Yes	Amount: 400 hours
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	No	Yes	Amount: 50 hours

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

There are no other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$38,700	
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)	80 hours	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	80 hours	
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): Interns also receive Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, Life Insurance, Deferred Compensation and Retirement.		

*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)

	2024-2026	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	5	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching		
Community mental health center	4	
Consortium		
University Counseling Center		
Hospital/Medical Center		
Veterans Affairs Health Care System		
Psychiatric facility		
Correctional facility		
Health maintenance organization		
School district/system		1
Independent practice setting		
Other		

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.