

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?	<div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> No</div>
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Our Faculty and Staff: Our professional faculty includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, and other allied health professionals. In addition, the Department of Psychiatry also has active voluntary faculty, made up of psychiatrists and psychologists in the community who provide supervision and educational opportunities for trainees. In our Psychology Division, we have six psychology interns, along with three postdoctoral fellows and about 17 externs. Additionally, there are psychiatric residents, third year medical students within the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Psychiatry Fellows. Collaboration between disciplines is highly valued and strong. Collaboration within interdisciplinary treatment teams serve as the foundation of patient care and professional training. Interns and residents have offices interspersed within the Integrated Outpatient Services making it easy to communicate, have social activities such as a book club and social events. The internship program at Mount Sinai-Behavioral Health Center (MSBHC) and Mount Sinai Beth Israel was re-accredited in 2015 for a full seven years by the Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation of the American Psychological Association through 2022. Due to COVID-19, our 2022 site visit has just been completed and our program maintains its current accredited status.

Our Patients: The MSBHC patient population is diverse in age, gender, culture, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status, making it an ideal environment for training psychology interns. Mount Sinai has a longstanding tradition of serving underrepresented individuals from Manhattan, the Lower East Side of New York, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Patients range in age from children as young as four years old to adults over 90 years. Patients typically present with comorbid psychiatric diagnoses that include the majority of DSM-V disorders, especially personality disorders. Substance abuse co-morbidity in our population is very high as are histories of multiple and complex traumas. Our patient population tends to have multiple psychosocial stressors.

Our Training Philosophy: Our internship program is founded on the principles and values of the local clinical scientist model (as articulated by Stricker and Trierweiler in Volume 50, Number 12 of the American Psychologist). The model values: receptivity to a multiplicity of approaches to a problem, empirical support tempered by a skepticism about any foreclosed certainty; professional responsibility

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The primary aim of our internship training program is to develop an intern's basic competencies in the delivery of psychological services in a general healthcare system, and in the interrelated areas of professional conduct and clinical skills, thus preparing them for independent practice in the field. Competency areas include Research; Ethical and legal Standards; Individual and Cultural Diversity; Professional Values, Attitudes, and Behaviors; Communications and Interpersonal Skills; Assessment; Intervention; Supervision; and Consultation and Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Skills. Intern

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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	Yes		Amount: 600
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	Yes		Amount: 50

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Applicants to the Mount Sinai-Behavioral Health Center Doctoral Internship Program in Clinical Psychology must be enrolled in a clinical or counseling psychology Ph.D. or Psy.D. program accredited

by the American Psychological Association. There is a minimum of three years of graduate training (supervised clinical experience and coursework) required at the time of application. Each applicant needs to have obtained a Masters degree and have their dissertation proposal accepted by the ranking deadline as well as having passed comprehensive exams by the application deadline. We will accept applications from international students with F-1 visas only. All applicants who match with our program will participate in an onboarding process through Human Resources that includes a background check and drug testing. As a Mount Sinai healthcare worker, you will need certain vaccinations to work at MSBHC, as determined by the Employee Health Service.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	40,000.	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	NA	
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	X Yes	No
If access to medical insurance is provided:		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes	X No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	X Yes	No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	X Yes	No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	X Yes	No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	180	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	90	
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?	X Yes	No
Other Benefits (please describe): Full Human Resources benefits including Dental Vision Life Insurance 403b retirement Dependent Care Account Flexible Spending Account Commuter Account		

* 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)

	2020-2023	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	18	
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 = 0	EP = 1
Community mental health center	PD = 1	EP = 0
Consortium	PD = 0	EP = 0
University Counseling Center	PD = 2	EP = 0
Hospital/Medical Center	PD = 6	EP = 0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	PD = 0	EP = 0
Psychiatric facility	PD = 0	EP = 0
Correctional facility	PD = 0	EP = 0
Health maintenance organization	PD = 0	EP = 0
School district/system	PD = 0	EP = 0
Independent practice setting	PD = 4	EP = 0
Other	PD = 4	EP = 0

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.