

Internship Program Disclosures, Admissions, Support, and Initial Post-Internship 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.	<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 Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center of Mount Sinai Health System is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in our recruiting of all staff and trainees. Mount Sinai Health System is committed to providing an equal opportunity work environment. We comply with all laws, regulations and policies related to non-discrimination and fair employment practices in all of our personnel actions. We strongly encourage interested candidates from minority and/or disability backgrounds to apply.	

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:
Internship Overview: The Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center (MSAHC) is the home of the Division of Adolescent Medicine of the Department of Pediatrics at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and part of the Mount Sinai Hospital. Although it is part of a larger health system and medical school, the MSAHC is a freestanding outpatient facility, which provides confidential, comprehensive and integrated health care to young people ages 10-26. The MSAHC stands as the largest program of its kind in the country and is recognized as a successful model for other similar healthcare efforts around the world. All of the services at the MSAHC are confidential and are provided regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. The multidisciplinary staff at the MSAHC also engages in applied research activities, presents widely in the community, and participates in numerous advocacy efforts.

The MSAHC Doctoral Internship Training Program offers a full-time, APA-Accredited training program to three psychology interns a year.

The doctoral psychology internship program is one of several training programs that runs at the MSAHC. The MSAHC is also home to an adolescent medicine fellowship, a psychology externship, a social work internship program, and medical residency and medical school rotations. Interns work side-by-side with other trainees and are fully immersed into the clinical and learning environment at the MSAHC.

The internship curriculum places emphasis on training interns to become competent providers of evidence-informed and culturally and structurally competent care to youth from marginalized backgrounds. The MSAHC has a long history of breaking down economic and social barriers to care for underserved populations, and this aspect of the MSAHC’s mission informs the vision of the psychology training program. In addition, a broad aim of the training program is to provide interns with the necessary experience and skills to practice in interdisciplinary health care settings. Throughout the training year, interns provide individual, family and group therapy to a diverse range of youth ages 10-26. Interns also conduct comprehensive psychological assessment batteries. Finally, interns have the option of choosing between a range of elective intervention experiences, including the Teen Parent Program, the Dialectical Behavior Therapy Elective, the Behavioral Health-Primary Care Integration Elective and the Integrated Transgender Healthcare Service.

All candidates enter the program through the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) match process.

Candidates must be enrolled in an APA-Accredited clinical, school, or counseling doctoral program (Ph.D. or Psy.D.). All formal coursework and comprehensive examinations must be completed by the start of the internship. The candidates should have demonstrated interests and prior academic and practicum experiences that are appropriate for the internship, such as prior experience working with adolescents, outpatient therapy experience, interest in working with underserved populations, and interest in working in an interdisciplinary setting. We pay careful attention to the goodness-of-fit between candidates and our program. Candidates’ cover letters and essays are reviewed for specific reference to interest in the training that we offer.

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	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Amount: 500
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Amount: 50

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

Applicants should have a minimum of 1000 total practicum hours and at least 3 integrated psychological assessments with children or adolescents. All applicants should have endorsement/approval (noted on AAPI) from their programs in order to apply. Applicants must be considered in “good standing” within their graduate programs.

All applicants who match with our program will participate in an onboarding process through Human Resources that includes a background check, I-9 verification, pre-employment physical examination, and drug testing. As a Mount Sinai healthcare worker, you will need certain vaccinations to work at MSAHC, as determined by the Employee Health Service.