

# PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP TRAINING MANUAL

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# **COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

## **PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM IN HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY**

### **I. Counseling and Psychological Services at Vaden Student Health Center**

#### **Primary Mission for Student Affairs (SA)**

Stanford's commitment to learning is inherently linked to every aspect of student life. Drawing upon a community passionate to meet students' needs in an individualized way, the extraordinary resources at Stanford University provide the support, services, and tools in order to create a fulfilling college experience. CAPS is an essential resource to the development of student life.

CAPS is an integral part of Vaden Student Health Center at Stanford University, which functions under the administration of the Student Affairs (SA). CAPS primary function is the provision of mental health services to the student community. In addition, to its collaborative efforts in health care services within Vaden Student Health Center, CAPS provides psychological consultation to and collaborates with staff in all departments within Student Affairs, faculty, parents, and off campus providers. CAPS is an essential resource to the development of student life. Therefore, the Internship Training Program is a valued component of CAPS, Vaden Student Health Center, Student Affairs, and the campus at large.

The department of Student Affairs is a diverse organization of professionals dedicated to the ethical, cognitive, psychological, and social development of its students in collaboration with faculty to support of the university's educational and research mission. The three guiding principles of Student Affairs are to Educate, Serve, and Learn.

#### **Primary Mission of Vaden Student Health Center**

The mission of Vaden Student Health Center upholds the mission of the University and the SA office of creating a caring, supportive, educational environment for students. Vaden works in partnership with students to obtain optimal health and promote well-being while honoring the rich diversity of its student population. Vaden offers easy access to the highest quality and compassionate medical, psychological counseling, and health education. Vaden assists students in a respectful manner to make informed choices about their health care and lifestyle. Vaden upholds strong ethics, confidentiality and privacy, and encourages feedback to best meet student's needs.

#### **Primary Mission of CAPS**

The primary mission of CAPS is to support the University's academic mission by providing comprehensive mental health services and programs to a diverse student body. CAPS promotes the academic, personal, civic and professional growth and development

of Stanford students. CAPS is committed to providing high quality, confidential, care for students who experience a range of personal, academic, and relationship problems common to college populations. Also, we provide assessment and referrals to students with more acute or chronic psychological problems. In addition to direct clinical services to meet the mental health needs of students, CAPS engages in educational efforts focusing on prevention and skill building through outreach and programming and through the establishment of collaborative liaison relationships to Student Affairs.

### **CAPS Staff**

Counseling and Psychological Services is part of the Stanford University's Division of Student Affairs. CAPS staff includes psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists. Senior clinical staff are licensed in the state of California. CAPS also employs two support staff members who are responsible for assisting with the organization and administrative operation of the Center. In addition to the senior or permanent staff, CAPS staff includes three psychology interns, two postdoctoral fellows, and three psychiatry residents. A current list of CAPS staff can be found in the Internship Orientation Binder and on our website.

### **Accreditation**

CAPS is fully accredited by The International Association of Counseling Services (IACS). The Psychology Internship Training Program is a member of Association of Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and fully accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA).

## **II. Psychology Internship Training Program**

### **Training Philosophy**

The Internship Training Program at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at Stanford University offers its Interns training opportunities in Health Service Psychology (HSP). More specifically, the training program prepares interns for professional practice in a variety of areas within an interdisciplinary context. The goal over the course of the year is for interns to achieve Profession Wide Competencies (PWC) to practice independently and operate as professional and ethical psychologists. To accomplish this goal, the training program utilizes a Scholar-Practitioner training model that combines experiential and didactic learning. The training staff at CAPS supports the development of psychologists by integrating psychological theory and research with practice. We believe that learning happens through experience, supervision and mentorship, and is informed by the science of psychology. Our goal is for interns to achieve intermediate to advanced levels of competency with intake interviewing, clinical assessment, crisis intervention, on-call services, individual psychotherapy, couples, group, structured workshops and outreach programming, consultation, professional ethics, and counseling a diverse and gifted student population.

In addition, CAPS offers interns an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skill base by exposure to a variety of theoretical perspectives and intervention approaches that other

interns and our interdisciplinary staff bring to the program. An integrated health service context, we foster professional respect and the building of professional cohesiveness within CAPS staff and across disciplines. The program operates under the principle that early career professionals need to develop a strong professional identity within their own discipline and an ability to work collaboratively with other mental health care and medical professionals.

Throughout the training year, experiential learning is informed by the theory and science of psychology in supervision and didactic training seminars. The internship follows a sequential, developmental training process, building upon the knowledge and skills that each intern already possesses and offering opportunities for developing and refining additional clinical skills. The goal for our interns is to facilitate their professional development from graduate student to skilled psychologist.

Upon arrival, interns begin to assess their professional goals for their training year with guidance from the Training Director and supervisors. Interns have the opportunity to identify clinical interests and theoretical models as training foci and are given training and supervision opportunities in identified areas. The training year provides ample opportunities for interns to apply theory to practice. Supervision is regarded as a supportive, mentoring relationship enabling interns to develop professional autonomy and competence. The evaluation process plays an essential role in the professional development of interns throughout the year. In addition, interns broaden their knowledge and skill base by exposure to the variety of theoretical perspectives and intervention approaches that our multidisciplinary staff brings to the program. Lastly, CAPS offers opportunities for interns to gain experience with a diverse range of students within a multicultural and diverse organization.

By the end of the training year, interns will have developed advanced levels of competence in the required **Profession Wide Competencies**.

- a. Ethical and Legal Standards
- b. Individual and Cultural Diversity
- c. Professional Values, Attitudes, and Behaviors
- d. Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- e. Assessment
- f. Intervention
- g. Supervision
- h. Consultation and Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Skills
- i. Research
- j. Outreach

Interns will demonstrate the ability to participate in community activities and establish relationships with other university colleagues. The Internship Training Program is sequential, cumulative, and graded in complexity. The training year follows a developmental model that supports and builds on the knowledge interns bring, and it provides opportunities to gain experience and training in multiple professional capacities. Interns build competencies, confidence, and skills throughout the year. Training and supervision are more structured and focused at the onset of the internship year. Quarterly

evaluations with supervisors monitor the development and readiness of interns. Supervisors provide ongoing feedback on interns' strengths and areas of growth.

Expected ratings are as follows:

**3 Emerging Competence:** While still a growth area, the intern demonstrates a basic foundation in the knowledge, awareness, and skill and is approaching a developmental appropriate level of competency. *\*This is a common rating at mid-year of the internship.*

**4 Competence:** The intern demonstrates a level of competence appropriate for entry-level practice in health service psychology and is actively working to further enhance competence in the knowledge, awareness or skill area being evaluated. *\*This is the expected level of competence at completion of the training program.*

The ongoing evaluation process provides regular feedback and evaluation of goals set for the training year. When an intern is not meeting performance standards, a specific training plan is developed for the intern in consultation with the primary supervisor and Training Director as guided by our Due Process Guidelines. It is our goal that professional autonomy increases and interns graduate with developed competencies to practice as professional, ethical psychologists.

## **Overview of Training Year**

### **Orientation**

The first few weeks of orientation are designed so that interns will familiarize themselves with the operations at CAPS. The orientation program is intended to provide interns with an overview of CAPS mission and values, structure, functions, and processes. Additionally, the orientation period serves to clarify expectations, to learn about the history of CAPS and its administrative and clinical policies and procedures, to learn about other campus agencies, to facilitate team building, and to set goals for the internship year. To accomplish this, orientation begins with activities to get acquainted and to develop teamwork, camaraderie, and the skills for self-care. In addition, interns read literature, discuss the stages of the internship year, and explore the developmental challenges that interns may experience during the training year. Interns become acquainted with their supervisors and begin to set goals for the year. A current orientation schedule can be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

All interns conduct their initial intake with a senior staff and their early intakes are monitored through direct observation or videotaped. This allows interns to ease into their clinical work and to gradually learn CAPS policy and procedures while also receiving feedback. Again, it is our goal that professional autonomy increases over time and support is provided to the trainees early in the year to develop competencies to practice as professional, ethical psychologists.

## **Fall**

Interns participate in a sequence of seminars during orientation and during fall quarter to prepare them for clinical work at CAPS. The didactic component of the internship supports interns becoming familiar with interventions supported by theory and research.

Fall quarter seminars are designed to orient interns to the clinical work at CAPS. Seminars include psychodiagnostic interviewing, crisis intervention, suicide assessment, brief psychotherapy, social justice outreach and programming, group psychotherapy, psychiatry and medication referrals, law and ethics, sexual harassment, and motivational interviewing for substance abuse/use.

## **Winter**

Diversity is woven through all aspects of the internship training experience through direct clinical experience, in supervision, and seminars throughout the year. However, the emphasis during winter quarter is an examination of multicultural and diversity issues through a more experiential process. Interns participate in a six hour seminar that provides the opportunity to examine how their own cultural beliefs and values may impact interactions with one another and their clients. In addition, interns attend the Eating Disorders Rotation.

## **Spring**

The focus of spring quarter is professional development. As interns prepare for exiting Stanford and the next phase of their professional development, topics covered include grief and bereavement, supervision, discussion of boundaries, licensing tips, and termination. In addition, interns attend the Gender and Sexual Identity Rotation.

## **Summer**

Summer quarter is much slower clinically. Trainees case conference merges with the postdocs and residents. The seminar revives a diversity focus through our Diversity Book Club. Trainees select a novel to read and meet weekly to discuss the diversity themes from the book.

# **III. Training Program Activities**

## **Weekly Clinical Activities**

Interns manage 16-20 hours of clinical work per week. This includes two weekly intakes, one 8-hour shift of on-call coverage that includes on-call emergency appointments, consultations, and referrals, in addition clinical work consists of short-term individual therapy, long-term therapy, group therapy, workshops, and outreach programming.

## **Direct Service**

Interns provide initial assessments and brief therapy for registered Stanford University undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, interns may gain experience with couples, groups, and referring students for medication or to outside therapists for ongoing therapy. Interns interface with other staff on and off campus regarding student mental health care. Interns also discuss their treatment plans in ongoing supervision and team meetings or case conference to gain greater experience and competence in their clinical conceptualizations and interventions.

### **Initial Assessments**

Interns establish a therapeutic relationship and assess the appropriateness of the student's presenting problem to a brief treatment model versus longer-term therapy. Interns also develop skills conducting assessments for a range of presenting issues, providing crisis intervention, developing differential diagnosis, referring for medication evaluation, and engaging in collaboration with other resources. Interns also rotate through two specialty tracks where they gain assessment skills with eating disorders and develop motivational interviewing skills and working with gender and sexual identity.

### **On-call**

All interns provide one, 8-hour shift of on-call crisis service per week. During on-call, interns may meet with students, professors, Resident Advisors (RA), Resident Fellows (RF) or Resident Deans (RD) to consult, triage, or assess for safety issues. In addition, interns may take phone calls and provide referrals or triage over the phone. In the case of a crisis involving potential harm to self or others, interns consult with a senior staff back up. Interns gain experience with crisis assessment, management, and hospitalizations.

### **Crisis Intervention**

Interns have a range of opportunities to manage a range of crisis in the course of their ongoing therapy with students. Interns consult with staff if a student presents as a danger to self or others or is gravely disabled. In addition, interns may join staff in speaking to various academic departments or resident halls when critical incidents arise.

### **Outreach**

Interns participate in various types of outreach to the Stanford community during their internship year. Outreach encompasses liaison building, education, program development, and other preventative work with a social justice focus. Outreach may also include responding to an event on-campus. Interns present to student groups on particular topics (e.g. depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or stress management) or they may go and speak to an on-campus group to help students to deal with the effects of a suicide, a sexual assault, or a national disaster.

### **Consultation**

Interns provide consultation to faculty, staff, Resident/Graduate Deans, or students. This consultation may occur over the phone or in person. Interns also participate in community activities and establish relationships with other university colleagues.

## **Supervision**

Interns attend two hours of weekly clinical supervision. In individual supervision, interns are encouraged to develop reflective, introspective clinical and case conceptualization skills that aid in their development as professional psychologists. Interns are given an opportunity prior to the beginning of the internship to request their supervision preferences and needs. An attempt is made to match interns to supervisors based upon these preferences. The supervisor carries the responsibility for case management, acquainting the intern with the operations of the agency, training requirements, mentoring, and moral support. Feedback is ongoing but an official evaluation occurs mid-year when there is a supervision switch to diversify the supervision experience. Interns again request their supervision preferences and establish new goals for the second half of the year. A formal evaluation occurs at the end of the year. Direct observation of clinical work such as viewing videotaped session with supervisor is required in supervision.

## **Specialty Rotations**

CAPS offers specialized training in the assessment and management of crisis and on-call, the assessment and management of eating disorders and working with gender and sexual identity. Each rotation meets for approximately 10 weeks as a group, for both a didactic component and experiential component. Interns also participate in case conference in these specialty areas during the rotation (Eating Disorder Care Team and GSI Consultation Team). Interns are expected to present cases and incorporate scholarship into their presentation for each rotation.

## **Didactic Seminars**

Didactic seminars meet weekly for two hours. The clinical seminars focus on topics that are particularly relevant to the practice of counseling in a student health center at university setting. Individual seminars are organized around clinical, cultural, pharmacological and treatment model themes.

## **Case Conference**

Each week, interns attend a one-hour case consultation. This is an opportunity for group and peer supervision and facilitated by a licensed CAPS staff.

## **Social Justice and Outreach and Inclusion Seminar**

Our SJOI seminar meets weekly in the fall with a focus on two identity groups. It meets biweekly in winter and spring to support the opportunity to provide services beyond traditional clinical services and more multicultural consultation, education, liaison, advocacy, and outreach programming to the Stanford community with the goal of systemic change as the outcome to breaking down barriers to access and create a culture of inclusivity for diverse and marginalized student communities at Stanford. All interns are expected to gain competency in this area by creating and executing educational programming, liaison relationships, and outreach services to the Stanford community with a social justice focus.

### **Supervision of Supervision Seminar**

Under development

### **Diversity Seminar**

Interns work as part of a multicultural organization and gain experience with a diverse student population. Interns meet during winter quarter to explore how their own cultural beliefs and values may impact interactions with one another and their clients. It is expected that diversity dialogues do not end in the seminar but continue throughout all aspects of the training program. Building awareness and applying knowledge to work with a diverse range of students is expected throughout the year.

### **Intern Group Meeting**

The Intern Group Meeting is run by the interns themselves. It provides opportunities for interns to form bonds with each other, they set their own agenda for the meetings, process their training experience, and provide mutual support.

### **Professional Development Seminar**

This seminar meets weekly and is facilitated by the Training Director. Both Interns and Postdoctoral Fellows attend this meeting. This meeting is intended to provide a weekly check-in with the Training Director and a venue for trainees to support and learn from each other. Trainees may seek support for applications, review each others' CVs, do mock interviews, process challenges, ask questions, celebrate professional success, and provide each other feedback to support each other's professional development.

### **Team Meeting**

Each intern is a member of a multidisciplinary team that meets weekly for an hour. The meeting functions as a case conference for all staff to discuss and review cases, students of concern, develop treatment plans, and seek support and consultation.

### **Friday Staff Meeting**

Each week, interns attend the Friday Meeting. This meeting functions as a monthly staff meetings, it has an educational component, and a networking component. Staff received CE's to support their professional development at these meetings in addition to continue networking with other departments within Student Affairs, Medical School, and community partners.

## Sample Schedule

### Average hours per week by quarter

<b>SAMPLE SCHEDULE average hours per week by Quarter</b>				
<b>Direct Services Activities</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Individual therapy / Initial Assessment /RIVER	16	16	16	16
Intakes	2	2	2	2
<b>*Group therapy</b>	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Outreach	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
On call emergency coverage (8 hrs)	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
<b>Training Activities</b>				
Clinical Supervision	2	2	2	2
Specialty Rotations (CIO/ED/GSI)	2	2	2	0
Case Conference (with co-interns)	1	1	1	1
Intern Meeting	1	1	1	1
Professional Development Seminar	1	1	1	1
Didactic Seminar	2	2	2	2
SJOI Seminar	1	1	1	1
<b>Administrative Activities</b>				
Team Meeting	1	1	1	1
Friday Noon Meeting	1	1	1	1
Administrative Time	10	10	10	10
<b>Average Estimated Total Hours Per week</b>	40 - 44	40 - 44	40 - 44	40 - 44
*Interns who co-facilitate therapy groups have a reduced individual client caseload. Co-facilitation of therapy groups is on a volunteer basis and is not a requirement for the training program.				

## **IV. Operations in the Office**

### **Managing Schedules**

Interns are beginning their first experience of full-time clinical work. It is an important component of professional development that an intern learn to manage their administrative, clinical, and personal schedule. Interns are expected to be at CAPS M-F from 8:30 – 5P. For safety and liability reasons, interns are not to see students in the building alone (before 8 or after 5 without prior approval). Interns are expected to submit schedules approved by the Training Director to the front desk on a quarterly basis. It is important that schedules be accurately posted in the scheduling system (Point and Click).

In addition, interns may not schedule students during training seminars, meetings, supervision, or during on-call days. During on-call days, it is important that schedules be kept as clear as possible to manage triage, phone calls, and walk-ins during your on-call shift. However, if you are on-call during a training activity, your schedule will be protected as best as possible to allow you to attend the training activity. You must be on-site when you are on-call at all times. If you are not able to manage your on-call duties for the day, you are expected to find coverage. It is also important that you stay in communication with your staff and administrative back-up throughout the day. If you must leave the building when you are on-call, you must carry a phone and respond immediately to a call, and be able to return to CAPS within 10 minutes.

Interns are discouraged from clumping admin or clinical hours. CAPS believes that effective clinical work and demonstration of self-care requires an equal distribution of clinical work, meeting/supervision, and admin time into one's daily schedule. Interns are not permitted to work 4/10 (four, 10-hour days). Interns are required to maintain hours logs and obtain supervisor signatures on a monthly basis. The required number of hours for successful completion of the Internship is 2000 hours, 500 of which must be direct clinical hours. Interns submit hours logs at their exit interviews

### **Request for Leave**

Interns must make formal written requests for vacation, expected medical leave/illness, and professional development. Interns are provided with 5 days of professional development that can be used to defend dissertations, attend graduation, postdoc interviews, or professional conferences. In addition, Interns are provided with spring break and summer break, an additional 10 days. Interns may opt and are strongly encouraged to save these two weeks to leave two weeks early. Additional time requested may be deducted from these two weeks (spring and summer breaks). These request forms must be submitted to the Training Director as stated in the instructions on the form. A copy of this form may be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

### **Security and Privacy Policies**

Offices not in use are to remain locked for security purposes. You will be issued keys to your office, a keypad code to access CAPS and the file room, and an ID to access the building. Your office key unlocks other offices at CAPS with the exception of management

staff offices. You will be provided with an access card that allows you into the building after hours (please see Vaden service hours as they vary).

Please lock your computer(s) whenever you leave your office. To do so, press CTRL-ALT-DEL and click "Lock Workstation". When you return to your computer you will need to press Ctrl-Alt-Delete and enter your password.

Please keep your office door closed whenever you leave your office. Please do not leave any client identifying information (names, SID, email, phone numbers, etc.) on your computer or visible on your desk. Please do not put client identifying information on your personal computers, phones, appointment books. You will complete a HIPAA privacy online training as part of your onboarding.

Any material that contains client identifying information such as telephone messages, letters, printed emails, etc., must be shredded. The confidential shredder box is located in the file room.

All email correspondence with students must be sent via secure messaging within PnC. If you email PHI, on your regular university email, please begin the email with SECURE: to encrypt. All computers are encrypted and you have been provided with the password. In addition, the Training Director will provide you with instructions for remote access to PnC and how to secure your phones with Mobile Device Management (MDM). If you access PnC or other via your personal computer, your personal computer must be encrypted.

### **Mailboxes and Messages**

You will be assigned a mailbox in the file room. Please check regularly. Please keep your mailbox clear by filing or recycling your mail. All student messages will be sent to your Provider Summary via PnC.

### **Phones**

All calls will come through the main office and support staff should check to be sure that you do not have a scheduled client before putting a call through to you. To place outgoing calls, dial 9 to secure a line then dial the number. You are not advised to share your direct number with students. Please provide them with the general CAPS phone number. You will be provided with voicemail.

### **Computer**

Each office is equipped with a computer. Each computer is able to access PnC via a secure connection to Stanford Hospital. However, there is a separate IT service for PnC. You may access HelpSU at <https://remedyweb.stanford.edu/helpsu/helpsu> to send a help ticket for general computer issues. You may dial the service desk at 3-3333 for support with PnC.

### **Panic Buttons**

There is a panic button in each office. It should be within reach. Please locate your panic button prior to starting clinical work. The panic button alerts campus police immediately to respond to an emergency in your office. DO NOT TEST unless it is a true emergency.

### **Webcams**

A webcam has been installed in each trainee office. Webcams are to be used with client consent for videotaping sessions for supervision. Please see Taping Guidelines for further instructions.

### **Recycling**

Each office has a small cardboard box to collect paper to be recycled. Additional recycling bins are available in the file room. Garbage is collected once a week (Thursday). Please do not trash perishable items in your garbage. Recycling bins for glass and plastic are available in the staff lounge.

### **Office Supplies**

Office supplies are stored in the front desk. Please check with support staff for your office needs.

## **V. Mechanics of Therapy Sessions**

### **Scheduling Clients**

All students seen are scheduled in Point n Click (PnC). Front desk schedules Triage appointments with the Triage Clinicians or student may book online. The Triage Clinician then schedules intakes. You are responsible for managing your schedule including scheduling students for follow-up sessions and keeping your schedule up to date with training and administrative activities. You will receive further training on the use of PnC and you will receive support and guidance for managing your caseload in supervision.

### **Electronic Charts**

All notes are written electronically as an encounter note in PnC. You will receive further training on the use of PnC.

### **Session in Progress**

Each office door is equipped with a blue “Session in Progress” sign. It is important that you use it diligently and accurately so that you are not disturbed when you are in session, and available if staff is attempting to reach you.

## **Starting Sessions**

Students may check in with the front desk or the Kiosk. When a student has checked in, this is indicated in PnC. You are responsible for checking PnC for your client and greeting them in the waiting area. The support staff will not call you. Sessions can be scheduled from 30-50 minutes.

## **Treatment Information and Disclosures Statement**

At the beginning of the first therapy session with a new client, you are required to provide all clients with a professional disclosure statement which informs the client of your training status at CAPS, supervisory requirements, qualifications and experience, and the nature of counseling. The disclosure form can be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

Please review our Treatment Information and Disclosures form to become familiar with our clinical services. As part of informed consent, please review this information (eligibility of services, confidentiality, cancellation/no-show policy) with each student.

## **Referrals**

You will receive further training on making referrals to psychiatry within CAPS and referrals to Medical Services, nutrition, and off-campus to other clinicians or clinics. You will also become acquainted with our Mental Health Network (MHN) Provider list and learn more about the role of our Case Managers, Amy Wilkinson and Tanisha Clarke and our Referral Coordinator, Arianna Davidson.

## **V. Additional Policies and Procedures**

Many of the forms and policies listed below may be found in the Internship Orientation Binder. Each Intern receives a binder at Orientation and all the materials are reviewed during the orientation program. The interns will sign that they have reviewed the binder at the end of orientation. The Intern may reference the binder throughout the year as needed. Upon completion of the Internship, all Internship Orientation Binders are returned to the Training Director.

## **Dress Code**

Staff at CAPS strives to provide a professional and safe environment for clients to explore personal issues in their lives. Interns are encouraged to consider the potential messages being communicated to or interpreted by clients and the professional community through his/her choice of dress and office décor. If you are uncertain about the appropriateness of your clothing or office décor for the professional work environment, please consult with your supervisor or the Training Director. Staff members who have concerns about an intern's style of dress or office décor will communicate these concerns directly to the intern. While interns are encouraged to develop their own judgment about what constitutes appropriate professional attire and office décor, some guidelines about the appropriateness of clothing for the work environment include the following: shorts, jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip flops, and the exposure of undergarments, cleavage, or midriff is not acceptable. Official dress policy may be found in the Orientation Binder under Administrative Policies.

## **Training Staff**

Each intern is assigned a clinical supervisor (CA licensed Psychologist) and interns have opportunities to meet and work with a range of additional staff (Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psychiatrists) who provide delegated supervision. Interns may have further opportunities to work with senior staff during on-call shifts and when consulting with psychiatrists. All staff is available for consultation. To maximize your exposure to the range of clinical expertise available at CAPS, we recommend you become acquainted and consult with the available staff.

## **Training Committee**

The Training Committee (TC) is chaired by the Training Director and consists of psychology training staff and the resident coordinator. The primary function of the TC is to support the administration of the training program including selection, development of training guidelines and curriculum, evaluation of feedback, APA accreditation, and planning. In addition, the TC may discuss intern training needs and progress.

## **Supervisors Meeting**

Supervisors meet once a month to support each other in their role as supervisors. The primary function of this meeting is to provide peer consultation and support for the provision of supervision. Interns training needs and progress are reviewed.

## **Supervision Agreement**

All interns will be required to complete a “California Board of Psychology Supervision Agreement for Supervised Professional Experience in Health Services” form at the start of internship. This form will be completed with the Training Director and reviewed with delegated supervisors. A supervision agreement form can be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

## **Supervision**

Interns will receive two hours of weekly individual supervision with a Licensed Psychologist on staff. Supervisors switch midyear to expose interns to a range of theoretical orientations and clinical styles. Interns may continue with a clinical supervisor for the entire year under some circumstances. The Training Director and other Training Staff may provide necessary back-up supervision in the event of a senior staff's absence due to scheduled time off or illness. In addition, interns will meet weekly with a Case Consultation Supervisor for one hour. The individual clinical supervisor signing off on case notes, however, has the final and the legal responsibility for all his/her supervisee's therapy cases. It is the intern's responsibility to review all cases with their supervisor.

## **Responsibilities of Supervisors**

It is the responsibility of supervisors to schedule the appropriate amount of supervision time each week with their supervisee and be available at all times for consultation as needed. Supervisors are expected to abide by the supervisory expectations outlined in the supervisor's manual. Supervisors need to ensure that their supervisee is providing competent care to all clients and is following the established ethical guidelines of the profession. Supervisors are responsible for providing the trainee with regular feedback of their progress.

## **Responsibilities of Supervisees**

It is the responsibility of supervisees to keep current with documentation on all clients. At the beginning of the first meeting with a client, the supervisee needs to inform the client that he/she is an Intern, and is being supervised by a Licensed Psychologist at CAPS.

Supervisees are also responsible for informing his/her supervisor of at risk clients, all new clients and update status of ongoing clients in supervision. Interns must consult immediately with the on-call clinician or the administrative director immediately and inform their supervisor as soon as possible when there is some concern that a client may be of danger to self or others and/or indicates inability to care for self. The supervisee is required to track his/ her hours on a weekly basis to be sure internship hour requirements are being met. This hour log must be signed by all supervisors regularly.

## **Evaluation and Feedback**

Interns are encouraged to provide ongoing verbal and written feedback throughout the training year. There are several venues for ongoing feedback:

- Weekly clinical supervision allows for Supervisor and Intern to engage in an ongoing feedback process.
- Formal written evaluations occur twice a year between Intern and Supervisor.
- Interns engage in a formal evaluation process with their Outreach Supervisor.
- Interns provide weekly evaluations of Didactic Presenters.
- Interns meet weekly with the Training Director and provide verbal feedback of their training experience.
- Interns complete our Post-Internship Survey at the end of their Internship.
- The Training Director conducts exit interviews with each Intern at the end of their Internship.

It is expected that supervisors provide ongoing feedback to interns. Formal written evaluations occur twice a year with a clinical supervisors. Clinical supervisors complete an Evaluation of Intern Competency Form midyear and end of year. The ongoing evaluation process provides regular feedback and evaluation of goals set for the training year. Verbal and written feedback is shared with the intern during supervision. In order to measure minimum level of competency, the following ratings are used:

**3 Emerging Competence:** While still a growth area, the intern demonstrates a basic foundation in the knowledge, awareness, and skill and is approaching a developmental appropriate level of competency. *\*This is a common rating at mid-year of the internship.*

**4 Competence:** The intern demonstrates a level of competence appropriate for entry-level practice in health service psychology and is actively working to further enhance competence in the knowledge, awareness or skill area being evaluated. *\*This is the expected level of competence at completion of the training program.*

Written evaluations are reviewed by the Training Director and shared with appropriate training staff at our weekly Training Committee Meetings and monthly Supervisors meetings. Throughout the year, staff is able to review and assess interns' feedback. The information is utilized to make any necessary changes to the training program that support intern's professional development and maintains the effectiveness in achieving our goals and objectives. All evaluation forms may be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

### **Professional Courtesy**

Interns are required to send personal thank you notes to their weekly didactic speakers and be on time to all meetings, seminars, and supervision.

### **Self-Disclosure**

Consistent with our training program's goal to train ethical, competent, and professional psychologists, there are opportunities during the year for personal exploration and self-reflection. Interns are encouraged to appropriately explore historical and personal data that may influence their clinical practice and to continue to reflective, introspective skills that aid in their development as professional psychologists. We strive to create an atmosphere in which interns feel safe to explore such issues in training groups and in supervision. Supervisors provide mentorship and consultation to trainees to support their exploration and professional development. Supervisors may consult with one another about trainees when appropriate. CAPS internship program functions in a manner consistent with American Psychological Association (APA) Ethical Standards (7.04 Student Disclosure of Personal Information).

### **Diversity**

CAPS has a strong commitment to diversity. As an organization, we work hard to be sure that all members of our diverse staff, including interns, feel fully valued and respected for the diversity they bring to CAPS. Diversity goes beyond this campus community to a larger, global context of various worldviews, life events, and experiences that come together in our campus. All members of our staff have the opportunity to actively contribute to our collective goal of ongoing development of individual and multicultural competencies, how they impact our work, and each other.

We expect our both our staff and interns to be capable of self-examination in order to recognize any prejudices and biases they may have. We strive to create an atmosphere in which interns feel safe to explore these issues, both in training groups, staff meetings, and in supervision. Supervisors and didactic trainers challenge and support our interns to integrate diversity factors into case conceptualizations and delivery of services. For this reason, we also expect our training staff to be committed to lifelong learning related to cultural competence and to be able to model a genuine desire to examine one's own attitudes, assumptions, behaviors, and values within a diverse context.

### **Conscious Clause**

The CAPS training environment fosters the ability for trainees to provide competent care to the general public. Training staff takes a developmental approach to trainee skill and competency acquisition and supports individual trainees in the process of developing competencies to work with diverse populations across all representations of culture, country of origin, language, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, social class, ability status, age, religious/ faith tradition, political affiliation and age.

Training staff respect the right of trainees to maintain their personal belief systems while acquiring such professional competencies. Trainees are encouraged to seek out supervision and consultation as an integral part of their personal and professional development. Training staff also model the process of personal introspection; the exploration of personal beliefs, attitudes and values; and the development of cognitive flexibility required to serve a wide diversity of clients. If personal values come into conflict with required care for clients, CAPS training staff will provide support to best resolve the situation with no reduction in quality of care for the client and with a focus on growth for the trainee.

Training to work with diverse clients/patients is integral to the curriculum, and consists of both didactic coursework and practical training. The training program is responsible for notifying prospective trainees, current students and the public that the failure to demonstrate appropriate levels of competence as set forth and assessed by the program could lead to dismissal from the doctoral training program. Thus trainees entering professional psychology training programs should have no reasonable expectation of being exempt from having any particular category of potential clients/patients assigned to them for the duration of training.

This statement was prepared as an educative summary of relevant pedagogical principles applicable to doctoral training of psychologists and is consistent with both the APA Ethics Code (2010) and the Guidelines and Principles for the Accreditation of Professional Psychology Programs of the APA's Commission on Accreditation (APA, 2012). APA's Ethics Committee and the Commission on Accreditation are responsible for interpreting and adjudicating these standards. This statement supports and is not intended to supersede either of these documents.

<http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/diversity-preparation.aspx>

## **Ethical and Professional Conduct**

Ethical and professional conduct is an expected profession wide competency. CAPS adheres to the ethical standards and practices set forth by the American Psychological Association (APA), the laws and regulations set forth by the California Board of Psychology, and Stanford University policies. APA ethical guidelines, BOP laws and regulations, and Stanford University policies may be found in the Internship Orientation Binder.

## **Outside Employment Policy**

The internship training program is demanding. It requires approximately 40 – 44 hours per week for one year and an intellectual focus. For this reason, we believe that an intern who spends time engaged in outside professional activities during the internship year may not gain full benefit from the training program. Therefore, it is the policy of the program to not permit employment outside the internship during the internship year.

Certain exceptions to this policy may be requested. An intern who seeks an exception must file a request with the Director of Training. The request will be considered by a committee consisting of the Director of Training, the intern's primary clinical supervisor, and the Director of the Counseling Center. Requests will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. The time commitments required for the outside employment are insubstantial and flexible enough that they will in no way interfere with the intern's ability to fully function as an intern at the Counseling Center.
2. The physical and / or intellectual requirements of the outside employment are of the nature that they will in no way interfere with the intern's ability to fully function as an intern at the Counseling Center.
3. The outside employment is adequately supervised.

In the rare case that the committee determines that the outside employment meets all three criteria, the intern will be permitted to pursue the employment according to the specified parameters. To ensure that conditions are clear to all parties, the arrangement will be put in writing.

At any point, any of the three committee members may request a reconvening of the committee to re-evaluate whether the employment continues to meet the three criteria. If at any point, any of the criteria are in question, the committee has the right to require that the intern cease the outside employment as a condition of continuation in the internship.

## **Due Process and Grievance Procedures**

CAPS adheres to the written procedures outlined by our Due Process guidelines for the effective resolution of problems, disputed evaluations, and problematic behavior. All Interns are informed of these procedures during orientation and receive a copy in their Internship Orientation Binder.

### **Completion of Internship**

Interns who successfully complete their Internship with CAPS are awarded a Certificate of Completion reflecting their accomplishment.