

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH)  
South Los Angeles Psychology Doctoral Internship Consortium  
Brochure: 2020-2021**



Top: Augustus F. Hawkins MHC. Middle: Specialized Foster Care. Bottom: Women's Reintegration.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, South Los Angeles Psychology Doctoral Internship Program is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for four full-time, one-year positions in for the 2020-2021 internship year. The each intern will be selected for different tracks - (1) Child and Adolescent Track, (2) Women's Re-Entry Track, (3) Adult Outpatient/ Neuropsychology Track. We will consider brief rotation (one day a week) to another track depending on an intern's interest and approval from the training director of the intern's primary track. We value doctoral intern's contribution. Our current salary is **\$40,138.32** plus benefits. **South Los Angeles Psychology Internship Consortium accepts applications on a rolling basis until the positions are filled by qualified applicants.**

All materials must be submitted for review online by January 31, 2020 at 5:00pm, PST.

We will extend selected applicants for an interview in **early February** and interviews will be conducted in **early – mid February** by face to face or phone.

The offer for the internship position will be made between **February 18 and mid-March** until positions are filled.



## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), with a budget of approximately \$2.4 billion, is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating programs in more than 85 sites, and providing services through contract programs and LACDMH staff at approximately 300 sites co-located with other County departments, schools, courts and various organizations. Each year, the County contracts with close to 1,000 organizations and individual practitioners to provide a variety of mental health-related services. On average, more than 250,000 County residents of all ages are served every year.

### Philosophy and Goals of the Training Consortium

Our overarching internship aim is to train interns to be competent entry-level generalist psychologists able to work with the most vulnerable population(s) in underserved communities regardless of growing up, low socioeconomic, multicultural and legal issues, or neuropsychological issues.

We have several specific objectives within this overarching goal: 1) Clinical Competence, 2) Multicultural Competence, and 3) Ethical Practice and Professionalism.

1) We strive to train entry-level generalists who are committed to providing competent psychological services, including initial evaluation/assessment, individual and group psychotherapy, psychological/neuropsychological testing or screening, multicultural practice, and program evaluation and research in

multi-disciplinary environments. In addition, we strive to train generalists with competence to work in an identified emphasis area including, but not limited to, child/adolescent, psychological/neurological testing, women's re-entry, group counseling, outcome evaluation and research, or supervision.

2) We strive to train generalists to be multiculturally competent professionals who apply ongoing self-awareness as cultural beings, awareness of others as cultural beings, and awareness of interactions amongst themselves, others, and groups within systems to maintain culturally-informed practice and multicultural humility.

3) We strive to train generalists to conduct themselves in a socially and ethically responsible manner, understanding and applying the laws and ethical principles of psychology as a profession. We value self-reflection, self-assessment, and self-care. We strive to train generalists who identify, reflect about, understand, and promote socially-just change at the individual client, group, institutional, community, and systems level, particularly when it impacts client development and functioning.

## Introduction of Programs

As a part of Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), the South Los Angeles Psychology Doctoral Internship Consortium includes three programs in relatively close proximities.

- 1) Augustus Francis Hawkins Mental Health Center (Adult Outpatient/Neuropsychology Track)
- 2) Specialized Foster Care Service Area 6 (Child/Adolescent Track)
- 3) Women's Re-Entry and Women's Wellbeing Center (Women's Community Re-entry Track)

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Community Mental Health Psychology Internship Program is dedicated to train and assist in the professional development of doctoral psychology interns. All three clinics are committed to reduce disparity in mental health care and take a pride in serving traditionally unserved and underserved populations in the community of South Central Los Angeles. Each intern will carry a caseload of clients and receive individual and group supervision. In addition, psychology interns will attend a variety of weekly didactic seminars. Approximately, fifty to sixty percent of the internship time is dedicated to providing direct face-to-face services. Psychology interns are expected to attend all mandatory training meeting including case conferences, didactics, group/individual supervision unless approved by the training director.



## Augustus Francis Hawkins Mental Health Center (AFHMHC)



The internship is designed to provide experiences geared toward the development of psychological skills in working with seriously mentally ill and culturally diverse clients. Interns learn how psychological assessment augments the diagnostic and treatment interventions of mental health professionals. Interns also learn how trauma focused recovery and evidence based group psychotherapeutic

approaches can be applied to the treatment of seriously mentally disordered and culturally diverse clients. All interns will rotate through our Triage/Walk-In section, where interns learn rapid screening, intake, diagnosis, and disposition under supervision of licensed personnel. The program also emphasizes the impact of cultural and socioeconomic influences on diagnosis and treatment.

We strive to accomplish these goals by equipping students with the requisite knowledge and skills to work effectively in a community setting. Specifically, the clinic's clinical psychology staff will provide psychology intern training in clinical interventions that are evidence based and embedded within the milieu of the AFHFMHC trauma focused recovery model. Thus, the program is designed to provide psychology interns with the experiences essential in making the transition from student to clinical psychologist. The specific training model of the training program is the "Local Clinical Scientist" model as described in Stricker, G., & Trierweiler, S. (1995).



## Specialized Foster Care

The Specialized Foster Care track represents a coordinated, collaborative effort between DMH and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to address the specialized mental health needs of foster care children. Psychology interns will engage in a comprehensive clinical training that is interdisciplinary and provides introduction into specific and unique needs of children and families in child welfare systems within an urban area. The training



program utilizes a combination of didactic, experiential and mentorship as structural tools. Interns will receive clinical opportunities in the following areas: Evidence Based Practices (Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Parent Child Interaction Therapy and Dialectical Behavior Therapy); Intake Assessment and Triage; Psychological Testing and Assessment; short-term therapy; Crisis evaluation and intervention; case consultation; and advocacy and participation in DCFS engagement meetings (e.g. Family Team meetings).

Interns will complete mental health screenings; comprehensive psychosocial and developmental assessments; and intensive in-home and evidence-based treatment approaches shown to be effective in treating the unique needs of the foster care population. Clinical services are delivered primarily in the field. Interns will consult with Specialized Foster Care interdisciplinary team, which consists of social workers, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses, lawyers, medical caseworkers, marriage and family therapists, substance abuse counselor and community workers to ensure child's' mental health needs are met. Interns will receive specialized training to ensure strength based assessments are completed.



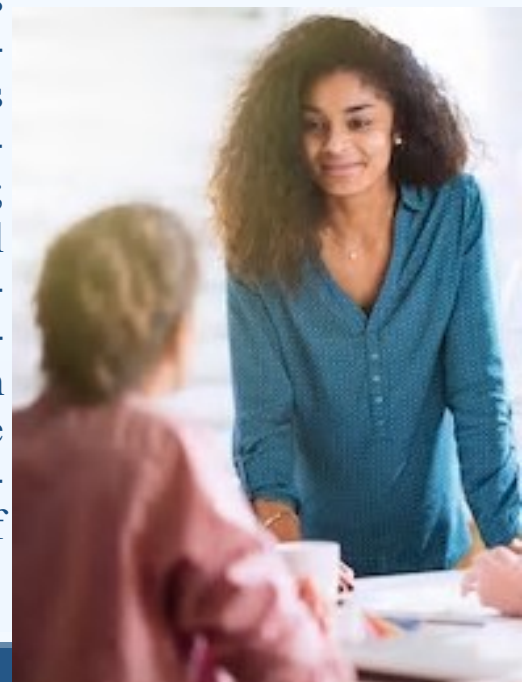
## Women's Re-Entry Program and Women's Wellbeing Center



The mission of Women's Community Re-Entry Program & Women's Wellbeing Center is to empower women with hope, alternative perspective of life events, & coping skills for a better tomorrow. We are also proud of taking "whatever it takes" approach that extends our services from consultation room to the community to "meet our clients where they are at." WCRSEC strives to

facilitate the training and professional development of psychology interns for entry-level professional in the field of clinical psychology.

Although Re-Entry Program & Women's Wellbeing Center provides services to female re-entry population, our training program prepares interns to function as competent and ethical health service psychologists in a wide spectrum of settings. As members of our multidisciplinary treatment team, which consists of psychologists, social workers, nurses, psychiatrists, psychiatric technicians, substance abuse counselors, occupational therapists, medical caseworkers, and community health workers, our psychology interns are expected to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively on a multidisciplinary team. Psychology interns have opportunities to conduct triage, intake assessment, crisis evaluation/intervention; neuropsychological screening; individual therapy; re-entry educational and skill groups; consultation with the courts and presentation to other agencies and self-care. The psychology interns will learn of impact of incarceration on mental illness; increase understanding of the co-occurring substance use disorder and psychiatric disorders; as well as gaining knowledge of theories of community re-entry.



## Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Diversity Mission Statement

The South Los Angeles Psychology Internship Consortium is committed to recruiting a high-achieving, diverse doctoral intern group and providing access and a clear path in making the transition from student to clinical psychologist.

### Required Qualification for Candidates

Applicants must have completed all the following formal requirements toward Ph.D. or Psy.D. Degree candidacy in Clinical Psychology or Counseling Psychology program, and be in good standing including:

- ◆ All course work necessary for the title of doctoral candidate including comprehensive exams by the start of internship, which is **September 1, 2020**.
- ◆ Acceptance of dissertation proposal by dissertation committee no later than the date of the internship position.
- ◆ Minimal of 500 cumulative supervised hours in direct clinical service.
- ◆ At least 400 direct therapy hours: with no less than 300 accrued in the doctoral program, no later than selection interview date, which is **January 31**.

### Preferred Qualifications for Candidates

South Los Angeles Psychology Doctoral Internship Consortium seeks individuals who are team players, have strong communication skills, practice good self-care, and are open to learning. The internship consortium value self-reflection as a tool for professional development. Preference will be given to applicants from APA Accredited programs, but we give a serious consideration to applicants with clinical experience providing face to face psychotherapy with the unserved and ethnically and racially diverse communities.

For Adult/ Neuropsychology track, applicants' experience with administering, scoring, and interpreting neurological, intellectual and personality assessment measures will be given a serious consideration.

## Application Procedures

Interested candidates should submit the following documents by email to Deonna Wilson — [DeWilson@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:DeWilson@dmh.lacounty.gov)

- ◆ Cover letter (Please clearly state which track(s) you are applying for.)
- ◆ Current Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ Official graduate transcript(s)

Please put the following in the subject line of your email:

**Psychology Internship Application – Applicant’s Last Name.**

**We do not accept any paper materials.**

The Neuropsychology program requires the above information and these additional documents:

- ◆ A list of formal and informal neuropsychology-related coursework (course title, grade, institution)
- ◆ One de-identified neuropsychological assessment report

The following documents are also required and are to be emailed by your stated references directly to Deonna Wilson [DeWilson@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:DeWilson@dmh.lacounty.gov)

Please put **Psychology Internship Application – Applicant’s Last Name** in the subject line of your email.

- ◆ The academic program’s Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness.
- ◆ Three letters of reference with at least two from clinical supervisors who speak directly about the quality of your clinical work and your engagement in clinical supervision.

\*NO person at this training consortium will solicit, accept, or use any application information from any intern applicant.





## Application Procedures (continued)

**Please note: A background check will be completed upon hire, based on HR requirements, and *hiring is contingent upon passing our background check.***

In order to complete the application process, all applicants are required to fill out a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health online application for CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERN position (Job number: b8694A).

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty/jobs/1197117/clinical-psychology-intern?keywords=b8694A&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Failure to follow this step may result in disqualification. Please refer to the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) website for more details and instructions on completing the application. If you have any questions regarding completing the County Internship Application, please contact Joshua Goldman at exams@dmh.lacounty.gov or (213) 972-7046.

In order to receive credit for experience contained in your resume, your employment history must be documented in month/year (MM/YYYY) format, reflecting starting and ending dates and include the number of hours worked per week. South Los Angeles Psychology Internship Consortium accepts applications on a rolling basis until the positions are filled by qualified applicants.

### Contact Information

Questions regarding the internship or application procedures should be directed to:

#### **Adult Outpatient/ Neuropsychology Track at Augustus Hawkins MHS**

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#### **Child and Adolescent Track at Specialized Foster Care**

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#### **Women's Re-Entry Track at Women's Re-Entry and Women's Wellbeing Center**

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*Our mission at DMH is to optimize the hope, recovery, wellbeing, and life trajectory of Los Angeles County's most vulnerable through access to care and resources that promote not only independence and personal recovery but also connectedness and community re-integration.*

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