



TCSPP Counseling Center MFT and PCC Internship Program

Eligibility

Positions are available at the Counseling Centers at West Los Angeles and Irvine. The **TCSPP Counseling Centers MFT and PCC Internship Program 2016-17** is open to anyone who has a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, Psychology, or Social Work from an accredited institution and who is registered as an MFT Intern or PCC Intern within the state of California.

Required application materials:

1. **Resume/CV**
2. **Three letters of Recommendation** (at least two letters must come from someone directly knowledgeable about your clinical work).
3. **Personal Statement:**
Please answer the following questions.
Describe how your life experiences have influenced your choice to pursue a career in clinical work.
How would you best describe your current approach to clinical work?
What are your professional goals?

Selected applicants will be invited for in-person interviews. If you would like additional information, please contact us via email:

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Appointments

There will be six half-time positions offered at both our Westwood and Irvine Counseling Centers for the 2015-16 training year, which runs from January 1, 2016 to January 10, 2017. Interns are expected to work between 20 hours per week. There is an annual stipend of \$5000 per position.

Vacation and Holidays

The TCSPP Counseling Center is closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day as well as on the following national holidays.

Memorial Day	May 30, 2016
Independence Day	July 4, 2016
Labor Day	September 5, 2016
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 24, 25, 2016
Martin Luther King Day	January 16, 2017

Interns are entitled to take an additional five days of vacation. Vacation days should be approved by your individual supervisor and Director of Counseling Centers at least one month prior to the start of your vacation. It is expected that ***vacation days are not taken during the first two months or last two months of the internship year.***

Interviews

After an initial round of applicant evaluations, selected applicants will be invited for in-person interviews.

Locations

The TCSPP Counseling Center at West Los Angeles is located within a geographically-desirable area with easy access by freeway or public transportation. West Los Angeles is a vibrant community filled with great eateries, movie theaters, and shopping. Our center's location also reflects the great diversity of Los Angeles County as our surrounding neighborhood is within the heart of "Persian Square" and just blocks from "Sawtelle Japantown" West Los Angeles is also home to the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Museum of Tolerance, the Ahmanson Museum.

TCSPP Counseling Center at Irvine is conveniently located adjacent to our Irvine campus, which is situated in a lovely business and shopping center. ICC is across the street from UC Irvine and freeway close.

Philosophy

The intent of our Internship is to provide a broadly based training program to move MFT and PCC Interns on towards licensure. Training is developmentally sequenced, experiential, and utilizes multiple intervention modalities. All training is supported by intensive supervision, seminar experiences, and a commitment to life-long learning.

Our internship is designed to prepare ethical and multiculturally competent professional clinicians who can move with competence, creativity and flexibility into a variety of positions providing clinical, consultation, and outreach services to adults, adolescents, children, families, couples and groups in outpatient settings. Self-reflection and interpersonal dialogue are highly valued aspects of our training. Supervisors and seminar facilitators encourage, but never require, self-disclosure of personal information that may facilitate or hinder clinical practice or collegial relationships.

We are looking for applicants who have shown themselves through their practicum placements that they are curious, eager to learn and engage, and flexible in their thinking and approaches to clinical service. As an organization we value and respect cultural and individual identities, and we seek interns with expressed interest in continued personal and professional growth in these areas.

Goals

The Chicago School Counseling Centers' MFT/PCC Internship seeks to provide a broadly based training program to facilitate the transition from intern to licensed professional. The specific goals of our internship are to develop professionals who:

- Have gained a substantial body of **clinical experience**, supported by developmentally-sequenced **experiential learning**.
- Have an understanding of the importance of **outreach and consultation** and are able to provide these services.
- Make meaningful contributions to **training** programs.
- Work in **multidisciplinary** environments, have the knowledge, skills, and awareness for **multi-culturally competent** work, and are able to integrate **multiple theoretical perspectives** into their therapeutic interventions.
- Are able to integrate **science into practice** and value the contributions of practice to psychological science.
- Have a clear and strong **professional identity**.

The program takes advantage of multiple theoretical orientations and a diverse supervisory staff, and relies on a wide variety of clinical services to assure breadth. The individually tailored programs are reviewed and approved by the Director of Counseling Center.

Statement of Non-discrimination

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Counseling Center acknowledges its ethical and statutory responsibility to afford equal treatment and equal opportunity to all persons, and thus complies with all applicable laws and directives which promulgate non-discrimination and equality of opportunity. In keeping with the spirit and letter of the law, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Counseling Center prohibits discrimination against its employees, interns, practicum students, and applicants based on race, gender, religion, age, national ancestry of origin, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, sources of income, military discharge status, or other impermissible reason; sexual harassment is also prohibited. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Counseling Center admits interns and practicum students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to interns and practicum students at the center. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its policies or recruitment policies. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Counseling Center also bars retaliation against an employee, intern, practicum student, or applicant who files a complaint of discrimination against the administration and/or staff members.

TCSPP Services Counseling Center Services

Services provided by TCSPP Counseling Centers fall into three main categories: clinical, outreach/consultation, and training. Intern activities within each area are outlined below.

Clinical Services

MFT/PCC Interns, with supervisor consultation, will learn to manage their client load to keep direct clinical service at 8 to 13 hours per week. Direct Service may include individual (adult, adolescent, or child), couple, family, or group therapy.

Elective Training Tracks

MFT/PCC interns may apply to participate in the Group Psychotherapy or Community Prevention and Outreach Tracks, pending supervisor approval. Participants in the group track have the opportunity to create and facilitate a group therapy throughout the year in addition to participating in a weekly group therapy didactic training. The Community Prevention and Outreach track allows interns to get involved in the development of prevention and outreach initiatives within the community.

MFT/PCC Peer Mentorship Program (West LA campus)

Interns will have the opportunity to become peer mentors for incoming first-year clinicians. This will support the development of leadership skills in addition to promoting further development of their own professional strengths and identity through the support of less experienced clinicians.

Training

Orientation: Three days of intensive training designed to introduce Interns to our TCSPP Counseling Centers, our various service delivery areas, and to outline the intern's expectations. There is also time to meet staff and intern peers, and for logistics such as setting up computer and email systems and settling into office spaces.

Supervision

All MFT/PCC Interns will receive one hour of individual supervision and two hours of group supervision per week. Individual supervision will focus on the intern's own cases. Group supervision will be limited to eight participants and will include supervisees from a variety of clinical backgrounds and training levels. Additional opportunities for adjunctive supervision as needed for groups, consultation, and outreach activities are also available. Consistent with the AAMFT Ethical Code, MFT Interns may be encouraged but not required to explore personal experiences that could facilitate or hinder the intern in providing clinical services..

Didactic Trainings: Professional Issues: Two-hours; addresses current topics in professional psychology and topics of interest to our training cohorts. As MFT/PCC interns are expected to move into leadership positions within the course of their training experience at TCSPP, they will also have the opportunity to provide didactic training to less experienced clinicians.

Additional Learning Supports: One-hour weekly Staff Meeting with all interns and permanent staff.

Sample MFT Intern Schedule

Service Provision	Hours/Week
Individual, Couple, Family, or Group Therapy	10-12
Intake	2
Supervision	
Individual	1
Group	2
Staff Meeting	1
Didactic	2
Charting/Administrative Tasks	2-4
TOTAL	20
Miscellaneous Outreach	1-2

Attendance

All interns submit a preferred weekly schedule prior to the commencement of training. Attendance is mandatory of supervision, weekly didactics, and staff meetings. Supervision times are offered throughout the week. Mandatory didactic and staff meetings are held on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 1pm.