



Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data. Updated: 08/20/2025

Internship Program Admissions

Briefly describe 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.

The MSOP Internship Program is best suited for students seeking experiences within a secure program providing sex offender treatment to civilly committed clients that will complement their previous training. Successful applicants will possess a solid foundation in psychological assessment and therapeutic intervention, will have completed or be in the process of completing a formal dissertation, and must have successfully defended the dissertation proposal prior to the internship start date. Doctoral students from Clinical and Counseling Psychology programs who have obtained approval from their faculty and are internship-eligible may apply. MSOP is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Matched interns must meet two conditions for employment at the MSOP prior to the start of their internship. Employees must be able to pass a criminal background check and attest to their ability to meet basic physical fitness benchmarks. This position requires the incumbent to be able to perform various physical tasks to maintain safety of the employee and environment.

Additional information regarding these requirements may be obtained by contacting the Chief Internship Training Director, Dr. Lauren Herbert, lauren.a.herbert@state.mn.us.

Does MSOP require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at the time of application?

- Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours: No minimum required.
- Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours: No minimum required.

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants.

Applicants must come from a CPA or APA accredited doctoral program.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-Time Interns

The salary is \$62,180.64 annually, which is paid bi-monthly. There is no annual stipend or salary for half-time interns.

Medical Insurance

Medical insurance is provided to interns.

- Is there a trainee contribution? **No**
- Is family coverage available? **Yes**
- Is coverage available for legally married partner? **Yes**
- Is domestic partner coverage available: **No**

Annual Paid Personal Leave

Interns have a total of 40 hours to use as personal time off and/or vacation.

Annual Paid Sick Leave

Interns have a total of 104 hours of paid sick leave.

In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, the program allows reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave.

Other Benefits

Other benefits include life insurance and 12 paid holidays per year. Doctoral interns also have access to the State Employee Assistance Program (EAP), which provides confidential, accessible services to individual employees in order to restore and strengthen the health and productivity of employees and the workplace.

Initial Post-Internship Positions

Aggregated Tally for Preceding Three Cohorts		
August 2022 thru August 2025		
Total # of interns in the three cohorts	11	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	1	
	Post-Doctoral Residency Position	Employed Position
Community mental health center		
Federally qualified health center		
Independent primary care facility/clinic		
University counseling center		
Veterans Affairs medical center		
Military health center		
Academic health center		
Other medical center or hospital		
Psychiatric hospital		
Psychiatric hospital (civil commitment)		7
Academic university/department		
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		3
School district/system		
Independent practice setting		
Not currently employed		
Changed to another field		
Other		
Unknown		