

Clinical Training Overview: Marin County HHS Psychology Internship Program

The Program Orientation, weekly Allied Clinical Services Seminar, and case conferences include the following domains of learning over the course of the 12 month program. Topics are further explored in individual and group supervision and peer consultation meetings. Discussion of cultural sensitivity, cultural competency and psychologist's social responsibility is integrated into discussions at all levels of instruction. Full-time interns all teach at least one seminar session in the course of the year.

Orientation to Professional Practice in Public Mental Health Services

Service Systems, Community Resources and Outreach
 Legal, Ethical and Professional Standards
 Evidence Based Practices and Community Engagement

Principles and Practice of Psychotherapy in Community Mental Health

Alliance and Commitment
 Collaborative Assessment and Engagement
 Formulation and Treatment Planning
 Cultural Competence and Community Context
 Advocacy and Resource Development

Understanding and Treating the Effects of Trauma and Neglect

Developmental context of health and illness
 Dynamics of resilience and vulnerability
 Treatment approaches and theories in practice

Professional Development and Social Policy

Career opportunities and career planning
 Fundamentals of clinical supervision and program evaluation
 Social responsibility and political action
 Research and program evaluation resources

Fall Term		WinterTerm		Spring/Summer Term	
Orientation to Community Mental Health	Initial Phase of Treatment	Dynamics of Middle Phase		The Concluding Phase of Treatment	
Treatment Alliance and Commitment to Therapy	Assessment and Treatment Planning	Designing and Evaluating Effective Interventions	Consultation, Referral and Consolidation of Therapeutic Growth	Introduction to Supervision	
Initial Diagnostic Assessment		Crisis Assessment and Intervention	Professional Development and Clinical Practice		Alternative Summer Rotations
Cultural Competency in Engagement and Assessment		Designing Culturally Competent Interventions	Resource Development and Advocacy In Community Mental Health		
Biosocial-Developmental Perspective on the Effects of Trauma and Neglect					

Instructors are drawn from program faculty and professionals in the community. Sequence and specificity of topics vary somewhat each year in response to needs and interests of the intern group, but all of the above topics are included annually. Detailed calendars from recent years are available (see attached) and provided at the time candidates are interviewed.