Psychology Internship Program

VA Illiana Health Care System
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APPIC Match Numbers:
126912 Standard Clinical
126913 Neuropsychology

Applications Deadline: November 15, 2017

Accreditation Status
Our internship in Clinical Psychology at the VA Illiana Health Care System is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. Our next site visit will be in 2018. Questions related to the program’s accredited status should be directed to the Commission on Accreditation:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
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Psychology Setting
The VA Illiana Health Care System is an academic medical center affiliated with the University of Illinois, privileged to provide primary, secondary, medical and surgical care, acute psychiatric care, extended long-term care and skilled nursing home care, including Rehabilitation, Dementia and Palliative Care to the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. The main facility is located in Danville, Illinois, with a full-service outpatient clinic in Peoria, Illinois and community-based outpatient clinics in Decatur, Mattoon, and Springfield Illinois.

In the early history of the Danville facility, the word "home" featured significantly. After the Civil War, the United States government decided that some type of "home" or "hospital" should be established for disabled Veterans of the Union Army. On March 3, 1865, an Act of Congress furthered this idea with the establishment of a "Military and Naval Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers." A later Act of Congress changed the name from "asylum" to "home" and the
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welcomes and strongly encourages applications from qualified candidates from all backgrounds including age, color, ethnicity, gender, language, marital status, parental status, physical capacity, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and other minority status.

**Selection Process:** Applicants are required to create an application through the AAPI Online Applicant Portal that can be accessed at http://www.appic.org, click on AAPI/APPA on the white bar at the top of the page, then select AAPI Internship Application Information and then Applicant Portal and follow the directions.

Include the following in your application:

1. In your cover letter, please include a list from 1 to 3, the three placements you believe you would select for your internship year from the following Specialized Training Options: Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP), Geropsychology, Health Psychology, Home Based Primary Care (HBPC), Inpatient Psychology, Neuropsychology, Outpatient PTSD, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP), Psychosocial Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (PRRTP), Decatur Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, and Peoria Community-Based Outpatient Clinic. (These choices are not binding and merely indicate preferences to be used solely for the purpose of arranging interviews.)

2. Three letters of recommendation, with at least two of these from clinical/counseling supervisors.

3. A de-identified treatment or case summary.

4. A de-identified psychological evaluation report. Students interested in the neuropsychology placement are encouraged to submit a sample neuropsychological assessment report.

All application materials should be sent via the AAPI Online portal by **November 15**. If you have any questions regarding our training program please contact Dr. Tressa Crook by email at tressa.crook@va.gov or by phone at (217) 554-5193.

We will invite top applicants to attend a half-day on-site interview. Interview notification date is **December 15**. Performance based interviews will be conducted on four days in January (Friday 1/5, Monday 1/8, Tuesday 1/16, and Friday 1/19), with applicants being interviewed either during the morning or afternoon of each day. Two staff psychologists will interview each applicant, there will be an opportunity to hear about each placement at a group presentation, applicants will be given a tour with current interns, and will meet with the Training Director. If an on-site interview is not possible, arrangements may be made for a telephone interview. Selections are made on the basis of a match between our resources and the applicant's qualifications and training.
needs. The Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) Match Policies are followed in intern recruitment. We offer all of our internship positions through the APPIC Match program and adhere to the APPIC Match Policies. All applicants must be registered with National Matching Services, Inc. NMS Applicant Agreement packages can be obtained at www.natmatch.com/psychint. A review of these guidelines may be found on the APPIC website http://www.appic.org This internship site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

**Effective Date of Appointment:** Internship at the VA Illiana Health Care System will begin on Monday July 23, 2018. The effective date of appointment is the date the intern's pay begins. Appointments of paid interns are made on a temporary, full-time basis, not to exceed three years.

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**Appointment Guidelines:** Students considering an internship at VAIHCS must meet the criteria previously described (see paragraph V. A). In addition, consideration is given to the quality and quantity of past academic and clinical experience. Internship candidates should have acquired supervised experience in assessment and therapy through practicum placement. Their graduate course work should also be of sufficient breadth and depth in clinical and counseling activities to provide reasonable preparation for their work within this facility. All appointments are for a continuous period of 365 days. Interns may expect to be on duty during the regular workweek from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. After training has started, it cannot be interrupted for more than two consecutive weeks during the internship year except in cases of emergency.

**Per Annum Method of Payment:** All employees, including Interns are required to participate in the DD/EFT (Direct Deposit of Net Salary Check to a Financial Institution) program. The rate of basic pay is $11.54 per hour based on a per annum rate of $24,014. Interns are not entitled to overtime pay or compensatory time for hours worked in excess of 8 hours in a day or 40 hours in a week. The maximum number of training hours allocated is 2080, including annual leave and excused holidays. Interns are encouraged to utilize their annual leave as it accrues, so that lump-sum annual leave payments are not required. No funds are
provided by the Office of Academic Affairs to cover lump-sum annual leave payments; therefore, it is important to schedule as much annual leave as practical prior to termination.

**Benefit Entitlement:** Paid interns are entitled to the annual and sick leave benefits provided under 5 U.S.C., Chapter 63 (Absence and Leave). Leave arrangements must be approved for Interns by the responsible Supervisor in consideration of their schedule at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. All interns are covered by the injury compensation provisions of 5 U.S.C., Chapter 81 (Injury Compensation) which covers compensation and other rights and benefits for injury or work-related illness incurred in the performance of their duties. Outpatient emergency medical and dental care may be furnished to students without charge during a scheduled training assignment. Interns are also eligible to participate in the Federal group life and health insurance programs.

**Intern Responsibility:** Interns have the primary responsibility for seeing that they fulfill training requirements. In the exceptional and rare instances in which an intern does not secure the required number of supervised training hours of experience during a given pay period, he/she is required to make up these hours without receiving compensation (WOC).

**Early Termination:** If a participating school officially notifies the training facility that an intern is no longer a candidate for a doctorate in the area of his/her specialty, the intern may be terminated from the VA Psychology Training Program two weeks after notice is received. Also, the intern may be terminated or placed on probation if this Program determines that the intern is not progressing satisfactorily in his/her VA training assignment. Termination should occur no earlier than two weeks following the decision to terminate. The intern will receive no further compensation beyond the hours worked prior to his/her termination from the Program. Interns may elect to terminate prior to the end of the internship for personal reasons. Elective termination is effected by appropriate notice to the Training Director and approval of the Supervisory Psychologist.

**Training Model and Program Philosophy**
The Psychology Training Program has the goal of assisting interns in the development of the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to function as professional psychologists. Ours is a practitioner / scientist program in that the emphasis is placed upon the various supervised activities an intern might perform. That is, patient care activities, such as assessment and intervention, are typically given a higher priority than more academic pursuits, such as research and teaching. This is not because we devalue the latter; rather, it is because we perceive our site better suited to providing training in patient care functions than university training programs, which seem better suited to providing training in research and teaching. With that bias, we look forward to helping our interns integrate these areas of their training so that each can inform and reinforce the other. The primary method used to achieve this goal is based on the tutorial-
The Psychology Staff enthusiastically supports The VAIHCS mission to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. The Psychology Staff is comprised of 30 doctoral-level psychologists, as well as a number of psychology technicians, interns, and practicum students. The services of several consultants from the private sector and faculties of universities in the area augment the regular staff. Occasionally the services of volunteers are utilized for specific purposes.

The Supervisory Psychologist is responsible to the VAIHCS Mental Health Service Chief and then to the Chief of Staff. The Supervisory Psychologist organizes and uses the talents of staff members, interns, and consultants to produce the optimum balance in Psychology’s basic functions of patient care services and training. The Supervisory Psychologist coordinates patient care service duties directly, appointing one staff member to coordinate training duties. Because Psychology works closely with other services and units, the Supervisory Psychologist also maintains close and harmonious relationships with Service Chiefs in order to facilitate the efforts of staff members.

**Patient Care Functions:** Most staff members are assigned primarily to specific units of the medical center where they provide a full range of psychological services to patients. Consultative service is provided to units that do not have a regularly assigned psychologist. Patient care functions encompass all the empirically accepted psychological diagnostic and treatment procedures. Diagnostic activities include the operations of information gathering that lead to a better understanding of the patient. Reviews of records, interviews of patients and significant others, psychological testing, observational data, and reports of personnel are typical sources of such information. Treatment activities promote independent functioning and include individual psychotherapy and group psychotherapy as well as such special modes as the following:

- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
- Anger Management
- Anxiety Management
- Assertion Training
- Biofeedback
- Brief Psychotherapy

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Psychological services are provided directly to eligible inpatients and outpatients, including families and other collaterals when appropriate.

**Program Aims & Objectives**

In achieving individualized training **objectives**, our program requires that each intern demonstrate an intermediate to advanced level of professional psychological skills, abilities, proficiencies, competencies and knowledge in the
areas of: a) theories/methods of assessment/diagnosis and effective treatments/interventions; b) theories/methods of consultation, evaluation, and supervision; c) strategies of scholarly inquiry; and d) issues of cultural/individual diversity relevant to the above. The goal of which is to produce entry–level graduates who can think critically about relevant theoretical and scientific literature and be able to apply this in their clinical and research work.

**Program Structure**

**Training:** Training functions are directed toward the education and training of graduate students who are candidates for doctorates in clinical or counseling psychology. The training orientation is student-centered rather than technique-centered, with focus on work experience which parallels that of staff psychologists and is supplemented by directed readings, seminars, webinars, teleconferences, grand rounds, as well as individual and group supervisory sessions.

Staff members are also actively improving their skills and keep abreast of new developments in psychology by reading; attending lectures and seminars, teleconferences, educational details, university colloquia and workshops; and conferring with consultants. Staff members are also active in the training of members of other disciplines, both informally through consultation and formally through seminars, classes and workshops. Several staff members have faculty appointments with area universities: University of Illinois and Purdue University.

The VAIHCS also has a practicum program for predoctoral psychology students with a variety of openings each year.

Typical tours of duty are 8-4:30 or 7:30-4 M-F and is dependent on agreement from the intern’s primary supervisor each rotation.

**Supervisory Assignments:** As part of the orientation process, new interns spend time with individual members of the Psychology Training Staff during their first and second weeks of duty. The intent is to provide supervisors and interns with the opportunity to become directly acquainted with each other’s background, skills, interests, resources and for the supervisors to become acquainted with each intern’s goals, as well as providing new interns with an overview of the range of psychological activities within our health care system. At the end of the orientation period, the Training Director, in consultation with the interns and training staff, finalizes initial intern placements, taking into account staff resources along with intern needs and interests. The Training Staff reviews these assignments, so they may be changed; however, supervisory placements are usually decided during the second week of the new interns’ tours of duty. There are no specific tracks within this internship but rotation preference is given to interns with expressed career goals (e.g. Neuropsychology rotations for those pursuing Neuropsychology postdoctoral fellowship).
Whatever the assignment, supervisors are charged with developing an awareness of the special abilities and interests of the individual intern and to provide the support and time for the development of those interests and skills.

Interns will be supervised by more than one member of the Training Staff. The number and character of the supervisory placements depends upon the background, needs, skills and goals of the individual intern. Therefore, the exact nature of these arrangements cannot be specified beforehand. A general guideline followed in making such arrangements is to provide the individual intern with the training and experience necessary to round out or complete the skills necessary for professional-level functioning. This is generally accomplished through three, four-month sequential placements in the specialized intramural training programs described in the next section. One secondary placement of up to one day a week that runs concurrently with the primary placements can also be arranged. It may be important to note that this program long ago adopted a “gaps before goals” model of training, and in-depth exposure to psychopathology is considered a prerequisite to more specialized training. Our philosophy is that without exposure to the many manifestations of psychopathology, a psychologist is woefully unprepared to function in any clinical setting. Consequently, assignment to Inpatient Psychiatry as a placement is almost routine to ensure that comprehensive generalist training is achieved unless an intern has had prior inpatient supervised experience that is equivalent.

A typical day for an intern at VAIHCS varies greatly depending on the rotation. However each rotation insures that time is allowed for attendance at didactics. The typical time commitment per week on site is 40 hours.

Supervision styles vary per rotation and per supervisor. Monitoring is completed throughout each rotation to insure that at least 2 hours of individual and four hours total of supervision is provided. Style of supervision typically is observation but some supervisors also use audio or audio/video recording as well.

Intern evaluations are conducted at the midpoint of each rotation as well as at the end of each rotation. This information is sent to the student’s university once signed by appropriate staff and the Training Director.

Currently the VAIHCS does not have an IRB so research is not allowed with the VAIHCS patients. However, each year, interns successfully complete their dissertation during their internship through their graduate University. Interns may be allowed 250 hours for their own dissertation research. The same allowances are available to interns who are candidates for the Doctor of Psychology degree and need time to spend on their research paper and interns who have completed their doctoral research requirements and who desire to pursue additional research. Interns must be on the grounds of the facility while completing these research hours.

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Training Experiences

An intern has the opportunity to gain valuable experience and training through the supervised rendering of psychological services to a wide variety of patients, including psychiatric, medical, surgical, geriatric, and neurological on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. These activities are performed under the direct supervision of the doctoral-level psychologists to whom the intern is assigned. While it is possible to present a broad outline of available experiences, the exact details depend upon intern needs and available resources. The training experiences may include (but are not limited to): individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, treatment planning, psychological evaluations, automated test administration, report writing, neuropsychological assessment, stress management, relaxation training, biofeedback, contingency management, educational and vocational counseling, case presentations, participation in staff meetings, supervision of lower-level trainees, use of audio and videotaping as an adjunct to psychotherapy, assertion training, social skills training, family therapy, program development, program administration and staff consultation (the latter two experiences are confined to the consultative and administrative skills expected of a staff psychologist).

Specialized Training Options: Usually an intern has three primary placements within the facility that last for four months and run sequentially. These primary placements involve a number of training options. These options typically involve, but are not limited to those that are listed below. In reviewing them, it should be kept in mind that these experiences have been constructed out of active patient care programs.

1) Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP)/Outpatient Mental Health: In this placement, an Intern functions as a member of a BHIP team in the outpatient Mental Health Clinic (MHC). Each BHIP team is a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals, including a psychiatrist, social worker, psychologist, mid-level prescriber, nurse, and administrative staff that provides comprehensive and Veteran-centered mental health services to a diverse population. Veterans present with a variety of problems, including childhood and military trauma, depression, anxiety, chronic pain, legal issues, relationship issues, serious mental illness, and substance use. Interns will have the opportunity to work with Veterans and their families in both short- and longer-term interventions depending on their needs and goals. There may also be opportunities for conducting couples therapy. Supervision will be provided for a variety of therapeutic approaches, including Evidence-Based Practices and Empirically-Supported Therapies such as Cognitive Therapy, Acceptance & Commitment Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and Cognitive Processing Therapy. Interns will also gain experience conducting inpatient groups, including an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy group in the short-term locked inpatient unit (103-7) and a Social Skills Training group in a 3-6 month program (PRRTP). Interns will be encouraged to develop his or her own integrative style while incorporating the most appropriate techniques and tailored interventions for clients. As a member of the Mental Health Clinic, the Intern will work with other
members of the mental health treatment team to improve communication between providers and improve the quality of treatment. Interns are also encouraged to develop work relationships with a variety of providers in other clinics to ensure continuity of care and improve overall service and experience for our Veterans. Due to the nature of outpatient psychotherapy, BHIP also works well as an 8-month split placement with another placement or can supplement other placements.

2) Geropsychology: The geropsychology placement offers interns training opportunities in geriatrics working with both inpatients and outpatients receiving care through the Geriatrics and Extended Care Service (GEC). Interns will have the opportunity to work with a variety of residents receiving care in our Community Living Center (CLC). Our CLC has multiple specialty units including dementia care, palliative care, geropsychiatric, physical rehabilitation, and long-term care. In addition, interns will be involved in providing care to veterans being seen in our outpatient multidisciplinary Geriatric Clinic.

Interns will receive training in conducting psychological evaluations with the elderly. This can include general evaluations as well as capacity and dementia exams as needed. Interns will also receive training in STAR-VA and behavior management techniques with individuals with dementia. There are training opportunities with providing short-term psychotherapy as well as providing staff education.

3) Health Psychology: Focusing primarily on medical or surgical patients, interns in this placement learn to rapidly assess and develop interventions for the psychological components of various disorders, using such modalities as individual, group, marital and family psychotherapy, biofeedback, pain/stress management, hypnosis, and relaxation training. Developing the skills to coordinate psychological interventions with medical treatment and family resources is a major focus.

4) Home Based Primary Care (HBPC): This placement is located within the Home Based Primary Care program providing psychological services to Veterans who are essentially home bound due to medical conditions. At Illiana, the population served ranges in age from the fifties through end of life, primarily within rural settings. The clinical needs vary greatly with a predominance of adjustment, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and cognitive disorders. The intern is expected to function within a multidisciplinary team and can expect close interaction with the members of the HBPC team. Working with the HBPC Psychologist, the intern will conduct brief psychological evaluations for mood, cognition, and adjustment, more comprehensive assessments when indicated, and may develop a small therapy caseload. Working with our team and within the Veterans’ homes is very rewarding, clinically challenging, and an experience unlike office-based clinical practice.
5) **Inpatient Psychology**: Psychologists in Inpatient Psychiatry function as independent members of interdisciplinary treatment teams that include psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, and auxiliary therapists from specialized services. Veterans on the inpatient psychiatric unit have a variety of mental health concerns, including severe and persistent mental illness (schizophrenia, ….), major depressive episodes, and substance abuse disorders. As interdisciplinary team members, interns develop the skills to make contributions to their patients’ individualized treatment plans and take responsibility for providing the psychodiagnostic, psychotherapeutic, and case management services necessary for patients’ discharge and maintenance in the community. Differential diagnosis and assessment skills will be used widely in this rotation.

6) **Neuropsychology**: The Neuropsychology Clinic provides screening and comprehensive evaluations of psychological and cognitive functions affected by brain damage as well as remediation planning and follow-up services to Veterans and their families. Working from both flexible and fixed battery approaches, Interns learn to administer and score many standard neuropsychological tests, to design individual test batteries, to write interpretive reports, and provide feedback to veterans/families. Resources in the area are extensive enough to support two training options: 1) an introductory experience emphasizing assessment issues to help interns develop the skills necessary to recognize brain syndromes as well as make intelligent use of neuropsychological resources, and 2) an advanced experience that combines supervised assessment experience with training in intervention and case management. Previous coursework and practica in assessment are needed. The neuropsychology-advanced experience is designed to provide clinical experiences consistent with INS/Society for Clinical Neuropsychology, Division 40 guidelines for internship.

7) **Outpatient PTSD**: In the Outpatient PTSD Clinic, interns will learn to evaluate referrals to the clinic using interviewing and psychodiagnostic skills. Interns become full-time members of the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) accruing a caseload and providing a full range of services to Veterans and their families on an outpatient basis. Treatment modalities in the PTSD Clinic include individual, group, marital, and family therapy. Providing PTSD education to Veterans and their families is also an important component of treatment. In addition, interns have the opportunity to strengthen skills with particular techniques for relaxation, stress management, etc., by developing and facilitating special focus groups. An important training goal for interns will be the ability to acquire and implement a conceptual model for understanding and treating trauma that effectively addresses the biological, psychological, affective, and moral/spiritual injuries sustained from exposure to trauma. Special emphasis is given to evidence-based treatment modalities including Prolonged Exposure Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy (individual and group), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing. Based on interest, interns will be given the option of training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia. Interns will have the option to participate in the specialized assessment and treatment of
dually-diagnosed Veterans suffering from PTSD and substance use disorders. The PTSD/SUD specialty area utilizes an interdisciplinary treatment collaboration between PTSD and SARP, with a focus on safe coping skills and relapse prevention. Interns will also have the option of co-facilitating a Seeking Safety Group. Training in Military Sexual Trauma and some of the unique issues involved in treatment is also available. The PTSD clinic utilizes a team approach to training and interns will be provided the opportunity to gain experience with each staff member, as well as attend specialized, interdisciplinary meetings to address issues such as: care for polytrauma victims and the seamless transition of Veteran’s care from active duty to the civilian sector.

8) Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP): While SARP is, by definition, considered a substance abuse rehabilitation program with a Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy (REBT) orientation, we prefer to think of the program as primarily an REBT program that happens to focus largely, though not exclusively, on substance use disorders. The full program is a 6-week, intensive outpatient program, staffed by a psychologist/program coordinator and four addictions therapists. Veterans participating in SARP either commute from home on a daily basis, reside in our PRRTP, or stay at the Salvation Army or Danville Rescue Mission in Champaign and get bussed back and forth every day. We also offer alternative schedules for those who are unable to commit to the full program.

During a rotation in SARP, interns will become familiar with Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, conduct comprehensive intake interviews, facilitate and/or co-facilitate various groups and classes (e.g., anger management, self-esteem, cravings management, cue exposure, daily lecture, Seeking Safety), provide individual therapy, and gain some familiarity with basics of program management.

Outpatient Mental Health Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Options:

9) Decatur Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC): In this CBOC, interns will have the opportunity to work with a diverse, outpatient Veteran population in individual and group therapy.

10) Peoria Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC): Located in Illinois’ 2nd largest city, this interdisciplinary clinic offers an opportunity for interns to gain experience in a wide range of psychological disorders. Interns will gain experience in embodying the role of the psychologist in an outpatient community setting while collaborating with primary care providers, social workers and other disciplines. Here, there are unique opportunities to work closely with the Home Based Primary Care Psychologist and also learn about the practice of evidenced based psychotherapies such as Edna Foa’s Prolonged Exposure for PTSD, David Barlow’s Unified Protocol for emotional disorders and Stanford University’s pain management protocol.

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Example Intern Placement Schedule:

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES:** The training experience obtained through the supervised provision of psychological services is augmented by regularly scheduled seminars. Topics are selected on the basis of the needs and interests of interns, staff, and trainees. Every effort is made to focus on areas of special interest. Members of the psychology staff, consultants, and other hospital personnel conduct the seminars. They cover a number of areas, such as use and interpretation of major psychodiagnostic techniques, innovative psychotherapeutic approaches, psychoactive agents, psychopathology, ethical and professional issues, and issues of individual/cultural diversity. The specific areas vary from year to year as the needs and interests of the interns/trainees and staff change. Occasionally outside experts make special presentations on topics of particular interest.

In addition to regularly scheduled seminars, study groups may be organized on a periodic or regular basis. The study group format allows deeper penetration into areas of particular interest so study group participants, as a rule, are expected to be more actively involved than seminar participants. The participation can be experiential as well as didactic. Study groups in the Rorschach, Hypnosis, and Eye-Movement Desensitization Reprocessing were active in previous years. Again, topics for study groups vary from year to year as interests and needs shift.
While the seminars and study groups sometimes involve the use of case material, formal case presentations are scheduled periodically. Illustrative of particular problems/techniques or arranged for consultation on difficult problems, the case presentations involve thorough preparations of background information, assessment data and therapy response. The presentations may involve members of other disciplines depending upon the nature of the case and the presentation’s purpose. Psychology consultants and consultants to other disciplines may also be involved.

Psychology staff and interns are periodically invited to the training experiences organized by other disciplines, the entire facility, or outside agencies. The experience could be a lecture, workshop or visit to another agency. Sometimes they involve presenters with nationwide reputations. Presentations worthy of note to psychologists have included Albert Ellis on Rational-Emotive Therapy, Edwin S. Shneidman on Suicide, Carl Whittaker on Family Therapy, Gordon Paul on Treatment Approaches for Chronic Patients, Madeline Kuhn on Aging, Domeena Renshaw on Sexuality, Francine Shapiro on Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Yossef Ben-Porath on MMPI-2, Paul Arbisi on MMPI2-RF, Elisabeth Kübler Ross on Death and Dying, Nadya Fouad on Multicultural Competency Guidelines, Paul Hauck on Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, and Carol Falender on Competency Based Supervision. Interns may receive leave to attend special training opportunities at other sites. Psychology maintains selected educational materials (audio, and video), important reprints and useful books for staff members and interns. Psychology staff and interns also have access to the facility’s professional library whose collection of tapes, journals, and books is extensive. Our library routinely purchases the most up-to-date Psychology Licensing Exam Review Program to assist interns’ preparation for licensure available for loan. The association of our library with the libraries of universities and other Medical Centers permits the acquisition of materials on any topics that are not included in the facility’s collection. Computerized bibliographic searches are also available through our Medical Center Library.

### Psychology Section Didactic/Training Schedule

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<td><strong>Neuropsychology Didactic</strong></td>
<td>Every Wednesday (Mandatory for Neuropsychology Interns, Optional for others)</td>
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<td><strong>Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series</strong></td>
<td>Every Tuesday (Optional; some supervisors may mandate)</td>
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Monthly DCoE Monthly Webinar – Second Wednesday or Second or 3rd Thursday; these will be announced as they are scheduled. (Optional)
Monthly Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) Call - Second Friday (Optional)
Monthly Difficult Case Review - Second Friday - Sari Aronson, M.D. (Mandatory for Interns)
Monthly PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Third Wednesday (Optional)
Monthly Training Staff Meeting - Third Friday (Training Staff Only)
Monthly Intern-Training Director Lunch Meeting - Third Friday (Mandatory for Interns)
Monthly Celebrate Report Out - Fourth Tuesday (Optional)
Monthly Supervision Committee Meeting – Fourth Monday of every month (Mandatory for Interns)
Monthly Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) Call - Fourth Friday (Optional)
Bi-Monthly MST Teleconference - First Thursday of even months (Optional)
Bi-Monthly Mental Health Service Meeting - Fourth Friday of odd months (Mandatory for Interns)
Bi-Monthly Psychology Staff Meeting - Fourth Friday of even months (Psychologists, Addiction Therapists, & Technicians only)
Quarterly Town Hall Meeting- announced approximately 2 weeks in advance (Optional)

7/27/2016 Intern All-Day Training - WAIS-IV Proficiency in Administration and Scoring - Amy Dumas, Ed.S. and Sherry Sanford, M.S., LPC, Neuropsychology Technicians
8/2/2016 Training Staff Meeting – Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
8/4/2016 MST Teleconference - Skills to Help MST Survivors Enhance their Intimate Relationships - Melissa Ming Foynes, Ph.D.
8/5/2016 Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
8/5/2016 Intern Seminar - Orientation to the Medical Record and Understanding Lab Results – Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
8/10/2016 Grand Rounds - A Primer on Diagnostic Decision Support Software Available at the VA – Dr. Kenneth Schlesinger
8/16/2016 PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Shared Decision-Making for PTSD - Juliette Harik, Ph.D.
8/19/2016  Intern Seminar - WAIS-IV Proficiency in Administration and Scoring with Amy Dumas, Ed.S. and Sherry Sanford, M.S., LPC, Neuropsychology Technicians
8/22/2016  Celebrate Report Out – Stephanie Young, Director
8/24/2016  Grand Rounds - Identification of Malnutrition – Debra Hepburn & Barb Nolan
8/26/2016  Psychology Staff Meeting - Dr. Steven J. O’Connell
8/26/2016  Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
8/26/2016  Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) - Models of OEND Implementation in Primary Care - Elizabeth M. Oliva, Ph.D.
8/26/2016  Intern Seminar - Suicide Prevention Guidelines - Bridget Tribout, Ph.D.
8/30/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic - Neuroimaging - Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
9/2/2016   Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
9/2/2016   Intern Seminar – Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy – Aaron Michelson, Ph.D.; Stephanie Rodrigues, Ph.D.; and Bridget Tribout, Ph.D.
9/7/2016   Grand Rounds - Special Lenses to Correct Vision – Dr. Bette Anderson-Rosset
9/9/2016   Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) TBI Educational Resources for PACT Providers – Building Whole Health and Complementary/Integrative Health into Pain Care and Post-Deployment Care – Stephanie Taylor, Ph.D. & Ben Kligler, M.D. & Adam Rindfleisch, M.D.
9/9/2016   Intern Seminar – ACT Lessons in Group Therapy – Aaron Michelson, Ph.D.; Stephanie Rodrigues, Ph.D.; and Bridget Tribout, Ph.D.
9/13/2016  Intern Seminar - Seizure Disorders – Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
9/14/2016  Grand Rounds - Vaccinations in the Geriatric Population – Josie Fuentes, Pharm.D.
9/16/2016  Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
9/16/2016  Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
9/16/2016  Intern Seminar – Psychopharmacology Clinical Applications, Part I: Treating Depression – Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
9/21/2016  PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar – PTSD: From Neurobiology to Treatment John Krystal, M.D.
9/22/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – SSRI and SNRI Clinical Pearls – Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
9/23/2016  Mental Health Service Meeting - Dr. Michael Clayton
9/23/2016  Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) - That Was The Year That Was! Pain Care Evolution during 2016 and a Look into the Year Ahead - Ilene Robeck, M.D. and Friedhelm Sandbrink, M.D.
9/23/2016  Intern Seminar – Clinical Detection of Malingering – James Mason, Ph.D.
9/29/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series - Smoking Cessation – Kylie Holland, Pharm.D.
9/30/2016  Intern Seminar – Military Culture: Mental Health Impact of Service – Jeffrey Romig, MPAS, PA-C
10/4/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic - Fact Finding - Dr. Jeremy Bottoms, Battle Creek
10/4/2016  Quarterly Town Hall Meeting - Director, Stephanie Young
10/4/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series - Vaccine for Cocaine Addiction Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
10/6/2016  MST Teleconference - Veterans Due for Military Sexual Trauma Screening - Kim Ristau
10/7/2016  Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
10/7/2016  Intern Seminar - Overview of Cultural Sensitivity – Dr. Michele Boyer
10/11/2016 Neuropsychology Didactic – Frontotemporal Dementia – Dr. Gregg Nigl, Columbus VA
10/12/2016 Grand Rounds - Ultrasound MIST Therapy – Nick Free, DPT
10/13/2016 DCoE Monthly Webinar - Unique Perspective for Women with Traumatic Brain Injury - Gender Differences and Coping Strategies - Dr. Odette Harris, MPH and Katherine Snedaker, L.C.S.W
10/14/2016 Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) Veteran Suicide Risk: Clinical and Population Approaches – Greg Hughes LICSW
10/14/2016 Intern Seminar – IDI: Individual Feedback – Dr. Michele Boyer
10/18/2016 Neuropsychology Didactic – Dementia (Alzheimer’s, Vascular, Lewy Body) – Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
10/18/2016 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series - Antipsychotics– Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
10/19/2016 PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Treating Anger and Aggression in Populations with PTSD - Leslie Moreland, Psy.D.
10/21/2016 Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
10/21/2016 Intern Seminar - Intercultural Development Plans and Applications – Dr. Michele Boyer
10/24/2016 Celebrate Report Out – Innovations and Improvement Work done by VAIHCS Staff - Jonathan Hall
10/25/2016 Neuropsychology Didactic – Current Topics in Neuropsychology – Dr. Jeremy Bottoms, Battle Creek
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10/27/2016 DCoE Monthly Webinar - Post-deployment Gender Differences in PTSD, Unhealthy Drinking - Rachel Adams, Ph.D., M.P.H, Mary Larson, Ph.D., M.P.H and Nikki Wooten, Ph.D., L.I.S.W-CP
10/28/2016 Psychology Staff Meeting - Dr. Steven J. O’Connell
10/28/2016  Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) – Whole Health: Choice for Pain and Opioid Safety - Jennifer Gansen, DPT; Steve Mudra, M.D.; and Aram Mardian, M.D.
10/28/2016  Intern Seminar – Conducting Compensation and Pension Evaluations - LaTonya Carey-Wright, Psy.D.
11/1/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Stroke – Dr. Richard Bowles
11/1/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series - Antipsychotics in Dementia – Kylie Holland, Pharm.D.
11/4/2016  Journal Club – Non-Medical Use of Stimulants – Surinderpal Kahlon, M.D.
11/4/2016  Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
11/4/2016  Intern Seminar - CBT for Psychosis or Schizophrenia/Psychotherapy for SMI - Aaron Michelson, Ph.D.
11/8/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Neuroanatomy Beyond Brodmann’s Areas Group Discussion - Dr. Jessica Kinkela, Battle Creek
11/8/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Pain & Smoking - Sheryl Leytham, Ph.D.
11/9/2016  Grand Rounds - Fundamentals of Hospice/Palliative Care – Craig Elliott, M.D. and Melissa Nelson, LCSW
11/11/2016  Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) War, Pain, PTSD, Opioids and Benzos – Macgregor Montano, PharmD, BCPP
11/14/2016  Cultural Values in Counseling and Psychology - John Bruner, M.A., Psychology Intern
11/15/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Blast-related TBI – Lisa Hoyman, M.S., Psychology Intern
11/15/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – TBI -- Lisa Hoyman, M.S., Psychology Intern
11/16/2016  DCoE Monthly Webinar - Advancement of Traumatic Brain Injury Research and Clinical Care in the Department of Defense - Louis French, Psy.D. and Scott Livingston, Ph.D., PT, ATC
11/16/2016  PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Cannabis and PTSD - Marcel Bonn-Miller, Ph.D.
11/18/2016  Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
11/18/2016  Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
11/18/2016  Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) - Building Functional Restoration Programs - Timothy Dawson, M.D., Laura Tuck, Ph.D. and Bernard Canlas, M.D.
11/18/2016  Intern Seminar – Mental Health: Law and Ethics – Howard Gartland, Ph.D.
11/22/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Pimavanserin JC - Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
11/28/2016  Celebrate Report Out – 5S Project (Education Service) and Improve Ambulance Billing Process (MAS)
11/29/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – The Neural Correlates of Opioid Dependence – Scott Wollman, Psychology Intern – Battle Creek
11/29/2016  Quarterly Town Hall Meeting - Director, Stephanie Young
11/29/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Stimulants/ADHD - Kylie Holland, Pharm.D.
12/1/2016  MST Teleconference - New Internet-based Self-management Tool for Veterans Recovering from PTSD and Risky Alcohol Use and How to Incorporate this into your Clinical Work with Veterans who Experienced MST - Dr. Deborah Brief and Eric Helmuth
12/2/2016  Mental Health Service Meeting – Dr. Michael Clayton
12/2/2016  Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
12/2/2016  Intern Seminar - MMPI-2 - Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
12/6/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Multiple Sclerosis – Amina Homeidan, Psychology Intern, Battle Creek
12/6/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series - Evidence Based Hypnosis - Sheryl Leytham, Ph.D.
12/9/2016  Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
12/9/2016  Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) War, Pain, PTSD, Opioids and Benzos, Continued – Macgregor Montano, PharmD, BCPP
12/13/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Clinical Considerations for Concussion/mTBI Michelle Weinstein, Psychology Intern, Columbus VA
12/13/2016  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Personality Disorders - Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
12/16/2016  Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
12/16/2016  Intern Seminar - Recognizing and Healing Compassion Fatigue - Judith Juhala, Ph.D.
12/20/2016  Intern Seminar - Performance Based Interviewing - Stephanie Holt, Ph.D.
12/20/2016  Neuropsychology Didactic – Neuropsychological Assessment and Malingering: An Ethical Concern - April Krowel, M.A., Psychology Intern

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12/20/2016 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Borderline Personality Disorder - Kylie Holland, Pharm.D.
12/21/2016 PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Treating Tobacco Use in Patients with PTSD - Andrew Saxon, M.D.
12/26/2017 Celebrate Report Out – Steph Young, Director
12/30/2016 Intern Seminar– Psychology in Primary Case – Dr. Michael Urban, Psy.D., HSPP
1/6/2017 Ombudsman Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
1/10/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Dementia Related Medications - Dr. Lockhart
1/11/2017 Grand Rounds - Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) - Mickensy Ellis, M.S., L.C.P.C.
1/12/2017 DCoE Monthly Webinar - Traumatic Brain Injury and Substance Use - This is Your Injured Brain on Drugs and Alcohol - Ezra Aune, MBA, ADCII, CCS and Lars Hungerford, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
1/13/2017 Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) Intermediate Care Technician Program – Scott Garbin & Kristina Snell
1/18/2017 PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Treating Pain in Patients with PTSD - Jennifer Murphy, Ph.D.
1/23/2017 Celebrate Report Out – Steph Young, Director
1/24/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Overview of Neuropsychological Testing - Lisa Hoyman, M.S. and April Krowel, M.A., Psychology Interns
1/25/2017 Grand Rounds - Identification and Management of High Risk Opiate Patients - John Peterson, MD
1/27/2017 Mental Health Service Meeting – Dr. Michael Clayton
1/27/2017 Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) - Turning the Tide on Opioid Safety Tools and Education - Friedhelm Sandbrink, M.D. and Andy Pomerantz, M.D.
1/30/2017 Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
1/31/2017 Live with Less Stress! Better Management of Financial Stress, Cooking on a Budget (including a cooking-demonstration), Organizational Tips, Goal-setting, Relaxation - Stephanie Holt, Ph.D.
1/31/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Substance Abuse-AUD Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
2/2/2017 MST Teleconference - Mixed-Gender Programming for Veterans who Experienced MST - Dr. Jessica Keith
2/3/2017 Journal Club - Adherence to Selective Serotonin and Serotonin-Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor Prescriptions Affect Overall Medication Adherence in Older Persons - Surinderpal Kahlon, M.D.
2/3/2017 Ombudsman Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
2/7/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Vivitrol Injection JC - Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.

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3/13/2017  Diversity Journal Club - Exploring our salient identities: Impact on clients and importance in supervision – Matthew King, Psychology Practicum Student
3/14/2017  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – PTSD - Renee Fagen, M.A., Psychology Intern
3/15/2017  PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Early Intervention Following Disasters: Principles of Psychological and Stress First Aid - Patricia Watson, Ph.D.
3/16/2017  DCoE Monthly Webinar – Outcomes after Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in Soldiers Returning from OEF and OIF: Evidence Including the Army Warrior Strong Study
3/17/2017  Training Staff Meeting - Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
3/17/2017  Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
3/17/2017  Intern Seminar - Movement Disorders - Lisa Hoyman, M.S., Psychology Intern
3/21/2017  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Pharmacotherapy of PTSD & BBB (Benzo Beliefs Busted) - Kylie Holland, Pharm.D.
3/22/2017  Grand Rounds - The Changing Faces of Pain Management - Sheryl Leytham, Ph.D.
3/24/2017  Mental Health Service Meeting – Dr. Michael Clayton
3/24/2017  Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) - VA DoD CPG Opioids for Chronic Pain
3/24/2017  Intern Seminar - Demonstration of Use of Biofeedback Equipment - Renee Fagen, M.A., Psychology Intern
3/27/2017  Celebrate Report Out - Director Stephanie Young
3/29/2017  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Eating Disorders - Maria Blaze, Pharm.D.
3/31/2017  Intern Seminar - Prolonged Exposure Therapy in a Group Format - David Weidner, Psy.D.
4/4/2017  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Bipolar Disorder - Pharmacy Resident
4/6/2017  MST Teleconference – Helping Veterans Recover from Sexual Trauma with STAIR Therapy – Marylene Cloitre, Ph.D.
4/7/2017  Journal Club - Hyperammonemia - Sheena Fant, MSN PMHNP-BC
4/7/2017  Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
4/7/2017  Intern Seminar - PTSD and Chronic Pain - Renee Fagen, M.A., Psychology Intern
4/10/2017  Diversity Journal Club – Sociopolitical and Ethical Context of Behavioral Science Dr. Richard Bowles
4/11/2017  Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Bipolar Disorder I Pharmacotherapy - Sheena Fant, MSN PMHNP-BC
4/12/2017  Grand Rounds - Visual Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury - Dr. Guadalupe Mejia, OD, FAAO
4/14/2017  Difficult Case Review - Sari Aronson, M.D.
4/14/2017 Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) History of Post-Combat Rehabilitation Care in the US – Linda Picon, MCD, Joel Scholten, M.D., Lisa Perla, ARNP
4/14/2017 Intern Seminar - Models of Supervision - Elizabeth Merrill, Psy.D., ABPP and Shannon Sisco, Ph.D.
4/16/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Bipolar Disorder II Pharmacotherapy - Pharmacy Resident
4/18/2017 PTSD Monthly Lecture Webinar - Safely Tapering Benzodiazepines in Older Adults with PTSD - Lisa Weichers, M.D., MPP
4/20/2017 DCoE Monthly Webinar - Outreach and Support to Military Families: Ethnic/Cultural Considerations
4/21/2017 Training Staff Meeting – Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
4/21/2017 Intern-Training Director Monthly Lunch Meeting – Interns and Dr. Tressa Crook
4/21/2017 Intern Seminar - Moral Injury - Charity Tabol, Ph.D.
4/24/2017 Celebrate Report Out - Director Stephanie Young
4/26/2017 Grand Rounds – VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guidelines for Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain, 2017 – Elizabeth Dinges, PharmD
4/26/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – TBD - April Krowel, M.A., Psychology Intern
4/28/2017 Psychology Staff Meeting - Dr. Steven J. O'Connell
4/28/2017 Pain PACT Community of Practice (COP) Opioid Use Disorder
4/28/2017 Intern Seminar - Theories of Vocational Counseling - Implications for Working with Veterans - John Bruner, M.A., Psychology Intern
5/2/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Insomnia - Pharmacy Resident
5/5/2017 Ombudsperson Meeting - Interns and Dr. Aaron Michelson
5/5/2017 Intern Seminar - Vascular System - Dr. Julie Fitzgerald Smith
5/8/2017 Diversity Journal Club – Dr. Richard Bowles
5/9/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Chronic Fatigue Syndrome - LaTonya Carey-Wright, Psy.D.
5/10/2017 Grand Rounds – Eyelid Problems – Dr. Bette Anderson, MD
5/12/2017 Difficult Case Review – Difficult Inpatient Cases – Dr. Sadoutounissa Meer, M.D.
5/12/2017 Post-Deployment Integrated Care Initiative (PDICI) Community of Practice (COP) Deployment-Related Exposures (and Some Other Historical Ones) Peter D. Rumm, MD, MPH, FACP
5/12/2017 Intern Seminar - Competency to Consent to Treatment - David Williams, Ph.D.
5/16/2017 Psychopharmacotherapy Interdisciplinary Series – Movement Disorders – Lisa Hoyman, M.S., Psychology Intern
5/18/2017 DCoE Monthly Webinar -Putting Clinical Recommendations Into Practice: Progressive Return to Activity Following Acute Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
5/19/2017 Training Staff Meeting – Dr. Tressa Crook (Training Staff Only)
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Requirements for Completion

It is expected that throughout the internship and upon completion of the program all interns will maintain good standing by achieving and demonstrating competence in the following sixteen general areas:

1. Professionalism
2. Individual and Cultural Diversity
3. Ethical Legal Standards and Policy
4. Reflective Practice/Self-Assessment/Self-Care
5. Relationships
6. Scientific Knowledge and Methods
7. Research/Evaluation
8. Evidence-Based Practice
9. Assessment/Diagnosis
10. Intervention
11. Consultation
12. Teaching
13. Supervision
14. Interdisciplinary Systems
15. Management-Administration
16. Advocacy

Facility and Training Resources

Interns are provided with office space and secure networked computers necessary for patient care and administrative responsibilities. Each rotation has a varied level of clinical support and the Training Direction has direct program support. The most current psychological testing material is also available through the computerized record and various clinics. The VAIHCS Library

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provides medical center employees and trainees with a variety of general, patient education and medical resources. In addition to our traditional library with printed resources, desktop access to electronic resources is available 24-hours a day, via the VHA National Desktop Library. Services provided by the Library staff include reference/computer searches, instruction on electronic databases and other reference materials, photocopying and interlibrary loans for material not accessible. Additionally, the Library recently purchased the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Study Materials.

**Administrative Policies and Procedures**

The VA Illiana Health Care System’s policy on Authorized Leave is consistent with the national standard. You are welcome to discuss this with the Director of Training.

**Due Process:** All trainees are afforded the right to due process in matters of problematic behavior and grievances. An 8-page due process document is included in our Intern Handbook that is distributed to every intern during orientation and reviewed with them during orientation. A copy of our due process policy is available on request.

**Privacy policy:** We collect no personal information from you when you visit our website.

**Self-Disclosure:** We do not require interns to disclose personal information to their clinical supervisors except in cases where personal issues may be adversely affecting an intern’s performance and such information is necessary to address these difficulties.

**Training Staff**

**DR. MARK L. BLODGETT (Inpatient Psychologist)**

Florida Institute of Technology, Psy.D., Clinical, 1986

Clinical Interests: Inpatient Psychotherapy, Cognitive and Behavioral Interventions, Stress Management, Detraumatization Techniques, Crisis Intervention, PTSD, Substance Abuse, Psychosis; Compensation Issues

Research Interests: Negative Effects of Positive Reinforcement, Learned Helplessness, Psychopharmacology

Current Population: Inpatient Psychology

License/Certification: Illinois
Academic Affiliation: University of Illinois School of Medicine, Adjunct Clinical Instructor

APA Membership: No

DR. RICHARD L. BOWLES (Neuropsychologist)

Graduate Program: Indiana State University, Psy.D., Clinical, 1987

Internship: Fairfield Hills Hospital, Newtown, CT

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Henry Ford Medical Center, Detroit, MI

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological evaluation of and rehabilitation planning for individuals who have sustained brain injuries, strokes, brain tumors, etc.; evaluation of dementia patients; assessment of issues related to neurotoxicity; and assessment of capacity for performing basic and instrumental activities of daily living

Experience: Psychologist in the community mental health setting (IN, IL); Assistant Professor (Clinical), Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience, Wayne State University; Neuropsychologist, Immanuel Rehabilitation Center; Neuropsychologist, VA Illiana Health Care System

Research Interests: Acquired brain injury rehabilitation, ecological validity of psychological and neuropsychological tests, neuropsychological aspects of neurotoxicity and neuropsychological presentation of mental illness

Current Populations: Ambulatory and hospitalized Veterans who have acquired brain damage, aging related problems, chronic medical problems or chronic psychiatric difficulties that compromise day-to-day, occupational or educational functioning

License: Nebraska, ABN

Member: National Academy of Neuropsychology
American College of Professional Neuropsychology

APA Membership: No

DR. MICHAEL COURTER (Outpatient PTSD Psychologist)

Northwestern University, Ph.D., Counseling, 1999

Veteran, United States Air Force, 75th Medical Group, Hill AFB 2002-2005

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Clinical Interests: Treating complex PTSD

Research Interests: Risk and resiliency factors in the development/avoidance of PTSD

Current Population: Outpatient PTSD. Population primarily includes Vietnam, Gulf War, and OIF/OEF era Veterans

License/Certification: Illinois

APA Membership: No

DR. TRESSA H. CROOK (Training Director / Outpatient Psychologist)

Florida Institute of Technology, Psy.D., Clinical, 1985

Clinical Interests: Training and Supervision; Sexual Abuse and Combat-related PTSD; Child, Adolescent and Family Therapy; Couples Therapy; Social Reinforcement of Unconscious Processes; Substance Abuse Treatment; Guided Imagery

Research Interests: Negative Effects of Positive Reinforcement, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

Current Population: Outpatient Adults with Acute and Chronic Psychiatric Problems and Training Director for Psychology Training Program

License/Certification: Illinois

Academic Affiliation: University of Illinois, Department of Educational Psychology, Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor; Purdue University, Adjunct Professor of Psychological Sciences

APA Membership: No

DR. JEFFREY B. DEBORD (Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program Coordinator)

University of Kansas, Ph.D., Counseling, 1991

Clinical Interests: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Brief Therapy

Research Interests: Efficacy of Substance Abuse Treatment

Current Population: Substance Abuse
License/Certification: Illinois

APA Membership: No

DR. STEPHANIE ERICKSEN (OEF/OIF/OND Psychologist / VISN 11 CPT Trainer and Consultant)

University of North Texas, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 2010

Clinical Interests: Treating trauma, evidenced based therapies, assessment

Research Interests: Re-victimization in childhood trauma survivors, moral injury, post traumatic growth

Current Population: Outpatient PTSD, with an emphasis on combat-exposed Veterans and survivors of sexual trauma. Population includes: primarily OEF/OIF/OND Veterans

License/Certification: Illinois

APA Membership: No

Dr. Adrian Ervington (Inpatient/PRRTP Psychology Staff)

Adler School of Professional Psychology, Psy.D., Clinical, 2013

Clinical Interests: Inpatient Psychotherapy, Motivational Interviewing, Stress Management, Crisis Intervention, PTSD, Substance Abuse, Compensation Issues, Psychological Assessments, Marriage and Family Therapy, Supervision

Research Interests: Psychopharmacology; Mindfulness

Current Population: Inpatient Psychology; Psychosocial Rehabilitation Residential Treatment Program

APA Member: No

DR. JULIE FITZGERALD SMITH (Neuropsychologist)

University of North Dakota, Ph.D., Clinical, 2003

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment Planning, Geriatrics, Dementia, Movement Disorders, Epilepsy, TBI
Research Interests: Dementia, Multiple Sclerosis, Movement Disorders (particularly Parkinson’s Disease), OEF/OIF TBI effects, and Factors affecting Neuropsychological performance

Current Population: Ambulatory care and hospitalized Veterans whose adjustment is compromised by neurological disorders, brain trauma, aging, chronic medical problems and chronic psychiatric difficulties

License/Certification: Michigan, ABPP-CN

APA Membership: Yes

DR. KYLE FOSKETT (Peoria Community Based Outpatient Clinic Psychologist)

Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Psy.D., 2014

Clinical Interests: PTSD, OCD, Addiction

Research Interests: Common Factor Theory

Current Population: Adult Outpatient

License/Certification: Illinois In Progress

APA Membership: Yes

DR. STEPHANIE L. HOLT (Health Behavior Coordinator)

Ball State University, Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 2007

Clinical Interests: Rehabilitation Psychology, Health Psychology, Solution-Focused Therapy, Assessment and Evidence-based treatments (PE, CPT, CBT for depression and CBT for insomnia), Motivational Interviewing, Clinical Coaching

Research Interests: Coping with illness, Promoting advocacy within individuals with disabilities, Effects of disability on family members, Outcome measures of psychotherapy

Current Population: Outpatient Veterans

License/Certification: Illinois license and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor - Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)
APA Membership: Yes

DR. KATIE KEIL (PTSD Psychology Staff; Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator)

University of Kansas, Ph.D., Clinical, 2015

**Clinical Interests:** Providing mental health services to survivors of Military Sexual Trauma; VA and community outreach related to MST; assessment and treatment of PTSD related to military service; group and individual outpatient therapy; couples therapy; use of evidence-based treatments (i.e., CPT, PE, DBT, and ACT).

**Research Interests:** Efficacy of exposure-based treatments for PTSD; lifestyle-based treatments for depressive disorders; the impact of PTSD and MST on intimate relationships.

**Current Population:** Outpatient MST and PTSD, with an emphasis on survivors of sexual and combat trauma. Population includes both female and male veterans of Vietnam, Persian Gulf, and OEF/OIF/OND eras.

**License/Certification:** In progress

APA Membership: No

DR. HOWARD LEVINE (Mattoon Community Based Outpatient Clinic Psychologist)

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 1987

**Clinical Interests:** PTSD, Major Depression, Sexual dysfunction and or disorders, Substance Abuse, Marital conflict

**Research Interests:** PTSD, Sexual Offending

**Current Populations:** Community based outpatient Veterans

**Licensure:** Illinois

APA Membership: No

DR. SHERYL LEYTHAM (Pain Psychologist)

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St. Louis University, PhD, Clinical Psychology, 1983

Clinical Interests: Health Psychology, Chronic Pain, Trauma and Vulnerability to Illness, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Intersection of Mood and Healing

Current Populations: Ambulatory care and hospitalized Veterans with chronic pain

License/Certification: Iowa license as psychologist; Iowa license as health service provider; National Register

APA membership: No

DR. JENNIFER MATHEWS (Neuropsychologist)

Graduate Program: Washington University in St. Louis, Ph.D., Clinical, 2002-2008


Postdoctoral Fellowship: Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine, 2008-2010

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological evaluation and rehabilitation planning for individuals with cognitive impairments and assessment of capacity for performing basic and instrumental activities of daily living

Current Populations: Ambulatory and hospitalized Veterans with cognitive impairments who have acquired brain damage (TBI, Stroke, Anoxia/Hypoxia, Tumors, Encephalopathy, Substance Induced Brain Injury), neurodegenerative illness (Parkinson’s, MS, Motor Neuron Diseases, Various Dementias), chronic medical problems, or chronic psychiatric difficulties that compromise day-to-day, occupational or educational functioning

Past Experience: Neuropsychologist in Private Practice (St. Louis, MO), Contract Neuropsychologist at the St. Louis VAMC, and Unit Psychologist for the Competency Restoration unit at the Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Center

Research Interests: Research interests have included emotional and social cognition in individuals with schizophrenia utilizing both behavioral and neuroimaging techniques, as well as investigating reward dysfunction and weight gain in healthy individuals and individuals with depression taking an antipsychotic medication utilizing neuroimaging techniques.

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DR. ELIZABETH MERRILL (Decatur Community-Based Outpatient Clinic Psychologist)

The Wright Institute, Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, 2007

Clinical Interests: Group Psychotherapy, Psychoanalysis, Animal Assisted Psychotherapy, Supervision, Multicultural Psychology, Couples Therapy

Research Interests: Animal Assisted Psychotherapy, Treatment of PTSD

Current Population: Outpatients at the Decatur CBOC, with emphasis on combat trauma, post deployment readjustment and reintegration, chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual trauma, grief/loss, interpersonal difficulties, depression/mood disorders

License/Certification: New York

DR. AARON MICHELSON (Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program Psychologist)

Palo Alto University, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 2015

Clinical Interests: Serious Mental Illness; Evidence Based Therapy Relationships; Schema Therapy; Acceptance and Commitment Therapy; Psychosocial Rehabilitation; Trauma-Focused Therapy

Research Interests: Psychotherapy Process and Outcome; Common Factors; Integrative Psychotherapy; Empirically Based Practices, Meta-Analysis

Scholarly Interests: Ethics; Epistemology; Culture and Diversity

Current Population: Outpatient Veterans

License: Massachusetts

APA Member: No

DR. STEVEN J. O'CONNELL (Health Psychologist / Supervisory Psychologist)

University of Southern Mississippi, Ph.D., Counseling, 1983

Clinical Interests: Health Psychology, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Biofeedback
Research Interests: Health and Social Supports, Pain Management

Current Population: Acute/Chronic Medical Inpatient and Outpatient Veterans

License/Certification: Illinois

Academic Affiliations: University of Illinois College of Medicine, Clinical Instructor

APA Membership: Yes

DR. STEPHANIE RODRIGUES (Peoria CBOC Home Based Primary Care)

Hofstra University, Ph.D., Combined Clinical/School Psychology, 2010

Clinical Interests: Stigma Reduction, Recovery-Oriented Care, Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Abuse Disorders, Homelessness, Depression

Research Interests: Treatment of severe mental illness and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders among general, veteran and homeless populations; Role of stigma in the treatment engagement stigmatized populations; Implementation and evaluation of treatment programs that target stigma reduction in order to promote recovery

Current Population: Outpatients at the Peoria CBOC, with emphasis on post-deployment readjustment and reintegration, trauma, grief/loss, interpersonal difficulties, and depression/mood disorders

License/Certification: Massachusetts & Rhode Island

APA Membership: Yes

DR. SHANNON SISCO (Home Based Primary Care Psychologist)

University of Florida, Ph.D., Clinical and Health Psychology, 2012

Clinical Interests: Primary Care Psychology, Brief Evidence-Based Interventions, Geriatrics, Neuropsychology, Long Term Care Psychology

Research Interests: Cognitive aging, neighborhood effects, social disparities in aging, lifespan development

Current Population: Ambulatory care veterans presenting to outpatient clinics with a broad range of mental health issues, including adjustment disorder, depression, anxiety, substance use, PTSD, cognitive impairment, and suicidal/homicidal ideation.
License/Certification: Illinois

APA Membership: No

DR. PATRICIA J. SMITHMYER (Geropsychologist)

Xavier University, Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, 2014

Clinical Interests: Geriatric Psychology, Dementia Care, Behavior Management Planning, Neuropsychology, Severe Mental Illness

Research Interests: Dementia, Caregiver burnout, Stigma with mental illness, Assessment and evidence based treatments (Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Behavior Management, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy)

Current Population: Inpatient Geriatric and Extended Care veterans within the Community Living Center (CLC) and Green Houses; Outpatient Geriatric Clinic

License/Certification: In Progress

APA Membership: No

DR. BRIDGET TRIBOUT (Geropsychologist/Central Office STAR-VA Consultant)

Saint Louis University, Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, 2007

Clinical Interests: Geropsychology, Palliative Care, Dementia Care/behavior management

Current Population: Geriatric and extended care patients & Palliative Care

License/Certification: Arkansas

APA Membership: No

DR. DAVID WEIDNER (Peoria Community Based Outpatient Clinic Psychologist)

Wheaton College, Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, 2005

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Clinical Interests: Evidenced-Based Psychotherapies (Prolonged Exposure for PTSD, Unified Protocol for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders, Stanford University’s pain management protocol)

Research Interests: Bringing Evidenced Based Groups to the VA: Implementing prolonged exposure therapy and the unified protocol in a group format (presented at the 2015 VA Psychology Leadership Conference)

Current Population: Outpatients with PTSD and/or other emotional disorders at the Peoria CBOC

License/Certification: Illinois

APA Membership: No

DR. JINXIN ZHANG (Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program Psychologist)

Nova Southern University, Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, 2014

Clinical Interests: Psychosocial rehabilitation; Evidence Based Psychotherapy; Mindfulness; Positive Psychology; Supervision

Research Interests: Effectiveness of Mindfulness-based cognitive behavioral therapies; Recovery from Complex Trauma

Current Population: Outpatient Veterans

License: Massachusetts

PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTANTS

DR. MICHELE BOYER

Professor and Chairperson Emerita, Department of Communication Disorders and Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

Interests & Expertise: Multi-Cultural Issues in Counseling, Counseling Training & Supervision, Ethics and Regulation in Psychology Practice, Religion and Spirituality in Psychology

Research Interests: Counselor Development, Professional Development, Supervisor Training, Feminist Therapy, Crisis Intervention

DR. AMBER CADICK

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Indiana State University, Counseling, 2006

**Clinical interests**: Health Promotion Disease Prevention, Motivational Interviewing, Chronic Disease Management, Patient Centered Care, Weight-loss/Weight Management, Lean Systems

**Research Interests**: The impact of chronic illness/injury on family functioning, Health Promotion Disease Prevention

**DR. JAN EGLEN**

Indiana State University, Counseling Psychology, 1983

Founder and EVP, Digonex Technologies, Indianapolis, IN

**Interests & Expertise**: Individual Counseling, Professional Issues, Medical Psychology, Neuropsychology, Psychology and the Internet Issues, Behavioral Principles Applied to Business

**License/Certification**: Indiana, HSPP, ABPP

**DR. HOWARD GARTLAND**

Staff Psychologist, Mercy Health System, Janesville, Wisconsin

**Clinical Interests**: Pain Assessment and Management, Emotional Aspects of Acute and Chronic Illness, Mind-Body Expressions of Emotions, Hypnosis, Systems Therapy

**DR. SUZANNE HARRIS**

Private Practice, Urbana, IL

**Clinical Interests and Expertise**: Individual and Couple Therapy; Clinical Aspects of Health Psychology: Adjustment to Chronic and Terminal Illness, Rehabilitation, Pain and Stress Management, Hospice and Bereavement; Geropsychology; PTSD and Trauma; Hypnosis; Alternative Therapies

**DR. ANITA HUND**

Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Counseling Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Private Practice, Champaign, IL
Clinical Interests and Expertise: Individual and Couples Therapy; Trauma; Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; Identity Development; Long-Term and Time-Limited Psychodynamic Therapy; Group Therapy; and Outreach/Prevention.

DR. JOHN JONES

Private Practice, Champaign, IL

Clinical Interests and Expertise: Individual and Couple Therapy; Long-Term and Time-Limited Psychodynamic Therapy; Analytical (Jungian) Psychotherapy; Integration of Eastern and Western Approaches to Well-Being; Therapeutic Applications of Mindfulness Practices and Other Meditation Approaches; Men's Issues; AOD Concerns and the Treatment of Addictive Behaviors; Grief and Loss; Trauma; EMDR

DR. HEATHER L. SERVATY-SEIB

Professor, Purdue University, Counseling Psychology

Interests and Expertise: Social Support and Grief, Adolescent and Young Adult Experience of Grief, and Using a Loss/Gain Model for Assessing the Impact of Life Events

DR. CHARITY TABOL

Northeastern University, Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 2009

Clinical Interests: Integrative treatment of PTSD; Prevention of chronic PTSD; Exposure therapy; Feminist therapy and examination of privileged identities; Moral injury; Confronting emotional avoidance to facilitate healing.

Research Interests: Enhancing social support as a buffer against chronic PTSD; Quality of life; Media presentations of PTSD

Current Population: Outpatients

License/Certification: Massachusetts, Indiana

APA Membership: No
DR. MICHAEL URBAN

Murphy, Urban & Associates Psychological Services, Terre Haute, IN, Clinical Psychology and Consultant to Union Hospital Family Practice Clinic with the Medical Residents

Interests & Expertise: Medical Psychology, Pain Management, Group Psychotherapy and Managed Care in Private Practice Sector, Psychology and Primary Care

DR. DAVID P. WILLIAMS

University of Georgia, Clinical Social Work, 1975; Indiana State University, Counseling Psychology, 1984

Clinical Interests: The Psychology of Long Term Care. Psychology and Information Science. Legal Competence

Current Population: Retired from VA Illiana in 2010

License/Certification: Illinois

Trainees

Class of 2017-2018

Lindsay Bupp
Wichita State University, Clinical, Ph.D.
Denise Calhoun
Virginia Consortium, Clinical, Ph.D.
Myosha Julian
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Claire-Marie Varga
University of Hartford, Clinical, Psy.D.
Matthew Welsh
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Lisa Hoyman  
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Western Michigan U, Counseling Ph.D.  
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Ball State University, Counseling Ph.D.

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Pamella Howard  
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John Park  
Loma Linda University, Clinical, Ph.D.

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Jennifer Bailey  
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Peter Kennan  
University of St. Thomas, Counseling Psy.D.  
Dominic Letizia  
University of Indianapolis, Clinical Psy.D  
Patricia J. Smithmyer  
Xavier University, Clinical Psy.D

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Spalding University, Louisville, Clinical Psy.D  
Kara Shaneyfelt  
University of Indianapolis, Clinical Psy.D.

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Local Information

The City of Danville is located in a rich farming area of East Central Illinois, one mile west of the Indiana State line, 132 miles south of Chicago, 90 miles northwest of Indianapolis, and 198 miles northeast of St. Louis. The main campus of the University of Illinois is 30 miles west in Urbana-Champaign; the main campus of Purdue University is 56 miles northeast in West Lafayette; and Indiana State University is 57 miles south in Terre Haute. An excellent network of highways facilitates transportation. The city is on Interstate 74, US 136 and 150, and State Route 1.

Danville is a diversified, industrial city with a population of approximately 33,027, the major retail center in a county with a population of about 81,625. The racial
makeup of the city is approximately 70.19% White, 24.37% African American, 4.57% Hispanic or Latino, 1.2% Asian, 0.21% Native American, 0.03% Pacific Islander, 2.09% other races, and 1.92% from two or more races.

Families in Danville can choose from a variety of schools for their children ranging from public schools to parochial schools of Baptist, Catholic and Lutheran faiths. The Danville Area Community College offers about 1500 courses to approximately 3225 students on its 75-acre campus immediately adjacent to the Danville VAMC.

Danville is proud of its community symphony, theater, light opera guild, choral societies, art league, and baseball, basketball, and hockey teams. A civic center hosts performances by performers with national reputations. Other cultural opportunities of the highest caliber abound within easy driving distance of Danville: Indianapolis, Chicago, and St. Louis. All have major symphonies, art museums, theaters, opera and dance companies, as well as professional football, basketball and baseball teams. The Krannert Center for Performing Arts at the University of Illinois in Urbana and the Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois in Champaign provide the settings for performances by a variety of companies of international caliber. Big Ten sports of all kinds are available at the University of Illinois.

The city of Danville maintains 8 parks and recreation areas. Three county parks and a state recreation area provide campgrounds, picnic sites, fishponds, hiking trails, scenic views and other attractions for the entire east-central Illinois area.

As there is an ample supply of rental units, including 5,046 apartment units in 3,545 structures, interns and trainees from distant points have had little difficulty finding housing. Rents vary a great deal but the last available typical rental rates were $400-430 for studio units, $460-545 for one-bedroom units and $570-760 for two bedroom units. Rates are usually cheaper for comparable units in surrounding areas. Students from the University of Illinois, Indiana State University and Purdue University are within commuting distance and usually form car pools to make the 35 to 40 minute trip from Urbana-Champaign or the 60 to 65 minute trip from West Lafayette or Terre Haute.