

POST-DOCTORAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM TABLES

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Postdoctoral Program Admissions

Briefly describe in narrative form 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 VA Boston Healthcare System Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program seeks applicants who have a sound clinical and scientific knowledge base from their APA-accredited academic program and internship; strong entry-level professional skills across the core competencies of professional practice with emphasis upon assessment, intervention, and research techniques; and the personal characteristics necessary to function well as a doctoral-level professional in an academic medical center environment. Our selection criteria focus on all aspects of the application materials, with particular emphases placed upon background training and experience and an applicant's articulation of training goals and professional aspirations. We seek the best fit between applicants and our training program. The VA Boston Healthcare System in which our training program resides is an Equal Opportunity Employer; we are committed to ensuring a range of diversity among our training classes, and we select candidates representing different kinds of programs and theoretical orientations, geographic areas, ages, racial and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, disabilities, and life experiences. All things being equal, consideration is given to applicants who identify themselves as Veterans or as members of historically underrepresented groups on the basis of racial or ethnic status; as representing diversity on the basis of sexual orientation; or as representing diversity on the basis of disability status. Applicants are invited to indicate these factors on their applications.

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

We evaluate the following criteria when selecting applicants to the Clinical Psychology Program:

1. Breadth and quality of prior general clinical or counseling training;
2. Quality of experience in the specific area of emphasis to which the applicant applies;
3. Quality and scope of research productivity;
4. Evidence of personal maturity and accomplishments;
5. A clear, thoughtful, and meaningful writing style in application materials;
6. Goodness of fit between the applicant's professional goals and program training objectives;
7. Strength of letters of recommendation;
8. Each application is reviewed by faculty within the track(s) to which the applicant has applied.

We seek applicants who have:

- sound clinical and scientific knowledge base from their academic program and internship program;
 - strong basic skills in assessment, intervention, and research techniques, and;
 - the personal characteristics necessary to function well in our fellowship setting.
9. In keeping with our program orientation, we strongly prefer applicants from university based graduate programs that have a scientist-practitioner or clinical scientist orientation.

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Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants: (continued)

Prerequisites:

1. Have received a Doctorate from an American Psychological Association (APA) or Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) accredited graduate program in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined psychology, or Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) accredited program in Clinical Science.
2. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA or CPA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical, Counseling, or Combined Psychology are also eligible.
3. Have completed an internship program accredited by the APA or CPA. The only exception regarding accreditation is for those who complete a new VA internship that is not yet accredited.
4. U.S. citizenship.
5. Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26.
6. Selected Fellows are subject to fingerprinting, background checks, and random urine drug screens. Selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens. Please be advised: Although the recreational and medical use of marijuana is legal in Massachusetts and some other states, it is not legal at federal facilities. Thus, we cannot employ anyone who tests positive for marijuana.

Note: Failure to meet any of these prerequisites could nullify an offer to an applicant.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Residents	\$50,941	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Residents	NA	
Program provides access to medical insurance for residents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If access to medical insurance is provided		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of family member(s) available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of legally married partner available?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Coverage of domestic partner available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation):	104	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave:	104	
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Other Benefits (please describe):		
1. It is anticipated that Fellows will receive faculty appointments at Boston University School of Medicine and at Harvard Medical School during the training year.		
2. Additional leave may be approved for attendance at conferences, workshops, and other continuing educational activities (up to 64 hours).		

***Note.** Programs are not required by the Commission on Accreditation to provide all benefits listed in this table.

Initial Post-Residency Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

		2016 - 2019
Total # of residents who were in the 3 cohorts:		32
Total # of residents who remain in training in the residency program:		0
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	NA	1
Federally qualified health center	NA	NA
Independent primary care facility/clinic	NA	NA
University counseling center	NA	NA
Veterans Affairs medical center	3	11
Military health center	NA	1
Academic health center	2	2
Other medical center or hospital	NA	1
Psychiatric hospital	NA	NA
Academic university/department	NA	2
Community college or other teaching setting	NA	NA
Independent research institution	NA	NA
Correctional facility	NA	NA
School district/system	NA	NA
Independent practice setting	NA	5
Not currently employed	NA	4
Changed to another field	NA	NA
Other	NA	NA
Unknown	NA	NA

Note. "PD" = Post-doctoral fellowship position; "EP" = Employed Position.