



**Pre-doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology
Application Instructions and Welcome to Applicants
(2017-2018 Training Year)**

Dear prospective applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Friends Hospital, and our clinical psychology internship program. The internship application process can be stressful, but we recognize and commend your commitment to your education and the completion of your degree.

Founded in 1813 by Quakers who believed that “kindness, dignity, and respect” were necessary components of care for the mentally ill, the mission of Friends Hospital has always been to provide compassionate and cutting-edge clinical services. Today, our 192 bed facility serves a diverse population of patients from the Philadelphia area, with a focus on wellness and recovery. Our internship program has been continually accredited by the APA since 1979, and psychology plays a central role at Friends Hospital. Interns are valued as clinical leaders, and work with multidisciplinary teams to provide patient care. Our internship training program includes several of our local, UHS sister facilities located in the greater Philadelphia region. We will be offering 9 intern slots in two training tracks this year- adult (5 slots) and child/ adolescent (4 slots). Interns will need to clearly indicate the appropriate track in which they would like their clinical training for the Match (Adult Track- 153511, Child/ Adolescent- 153512). Additionally, we ask applicants to indicate which training sites they would prefer for their experience in their letter of interest. Please see the Internship Handbook and the APPIC Directory for a complete description of all the clinical rotations available at the Friends Hospital Internship. We currently have a partial affiliation agreement with the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where applicants from PCOM are granted an interview; however we do not have a designated number of positions for their students.

Each year, we receive many applications for our program, and face the difficult task of selecting a group of applicants to invite for interviews. Qualified applicants will have completed their Master’s Degree, doctoral coursework, and dissertation proposals in an APA-Accredited doctoral program in clinical (preferred), counseling, or school psychology prior to the application deadline. Prior experience working in an inpatient setting is preferable, as well as experience with a broad range of high-acuity cases and group therapy skills. Experience with psychological assessment (personality and psychopathology, cognitive, and brief screenings) is also important. Our program has a cognitive and behavioral orientation (including acceptance- and mindfulness-based approaches); however, successful applicants have come from a wide variety of orientations. We look for interns who demonstrate professionalism, flexibility, and a commitment to empirically-supported approaches via their personal statements, past clinical work, and letters of recommendation. Specific hour requirements and requirements for completion of internship are included in the APPIC Directory program description.

In addition to the standard AAPI (APPIC application), we require three letters of recommendation and that applicants submit one de-identified psychological evaluation report. All applications should be submitted by **November 1, 2017**. Completed applications will be reviewed by the psychology department faculty, and interview offers will be extended **via email on or before December 1, 2017**. Interviews for the adult track will take place at Friends Hospital and at Foundations Behavioral Health for the child/adolescent track from likely the middle of December up to the beginning of February, and will consist of information about the internship and rotation sites, a tour, individual and group interviews by faculty and staff, and an opportunity to have lunch with the current intern class if available at that location. Internship matching will be conducted via the APPIC/NMS match. In accordance with APPIC policies and procedures, Friends Hospital and sister facility staff will not discuss ranking information with applicants, nor will they encourage or require applicants to disclose ranking information or attempt to influence their ranking decisions.

Interns receive a stipend in the amount of \$22,568, as well as 21 days of paid leave (which includes vacation days, sick days, holidays, and professional/dissertation days). In addition, health insurance, including dental and vision plans, is available to the intern.

For more information about the internship program, please refer to the Friends Hospital website (<http://friendshospital.com/about-us/clinical-psychology-training-programs/>), as well as the Intern Handbook (available on the website).

On behalf of myself, the psychology faculty, and the entire staff of Friends Hospital and its sister facilities, I wish you the best for the upcoming internship applications process.

Warmest regards,

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