



OKPPTC

OKLAHOMA
PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
TRAINING CONSORTIUM

Recruitment year
2026-27

Prospective Intern Information

WELCOME TO OKPPTC

Thanks for your interest in the Oklahoma Professional Psychology Training Consortium! With all the internship programs from which to choose, why might OKPPTC be the best fit for you? Though each site collaborates with agencies, the members of the Consortium are private practices, giving you the opportunity to work with a wide variety of patient populations and psychologists across specialties. While intern selection for primary/ secondary sites is based on fit of intern goals and interests, the OKPPTC intern will have exposure to all the OKPPTC private practice sites throughout the training year, broadening the experience on the way to health service psychologist licensure.

For the 2024-25 intern class, there are five (5) sites across the Consortium, located throughout Oklahoma, each site offers at least one (1) primary and/or secondary training position. As an OKPPTC Psychology Intern, you will have the opportunity to interact with your fellow OKPPTC Psychology Interns across sites during both in-person and virtual didactic experiences across the state.

To apply to be an OKPPTC Psychology Intern, you must have completed all coursework at the doctoral level in an accredited degree-granting program in professional psychology. Transcripts accompany the application, along with documentation from the clinical training director of the program that you are ready/approved to apply for the internship year.

A CLEAR PATHWAY TO READINESS

OKPPTC has adopted the Profession-Wide Competencies (PWC) promulgated by APA to ensure each Psychology Intern receives focused training to prepare you for entry into the profession. The PWC form the basis of the OKPPTC Capstones—you'll be able to monitor your progress as your Site Directors and the Director of Clinical Training meet regularly to review your growth with you. The OKPPTC Capstones (which are available at OKPPTC.org) facilitate an evaluation-rich system of feedback and guidance whereby your practice opportunities grow as your skills develop.



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- Assessment and therapy experiences across sites
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HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGISTS WITH TRACK RECORDS OF EXCELLENCE

The Faculty of OKPPTC are leaders in health service psychology provision across the state. Among the twelve faculty members of OKPPTC are educators, lecturers, consultants, court-vetted experts, current and former board members of the Oklahoma Psychological Association and the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. There are business leaders with expertise in managing all aspects of owning and running a successful private practice. Need to pivot during a pandemic? We have pioneers in telehealth service provision. CPT codes and insurance authorizations changing? We have advocates and liaisons shepherding colleagues through the ever-changing landscape of private practice psychology.

Meet the OKPPTC faculty at OKPPTC.org Download the Intern Manual for more information.

The wealth of knowledge and experience of the entirety of the OKPPTC faculty is available to every OKPPTC Psychology Intern through didactics.

DIDACTIC TOPICS

- Record keeping
- Child custody assessment
- Self-care
- Sexual trauma treatment
- Board complaints
- Forensic testimony
- Peer consultation
- Supervision skills
- Ethical dilemmas
- Guild membership
- Post-doctoral year
- Telehealth competency
- Social media
- Applied behavior analysis
- Disability evaluation
- Geriatric psychology
- Underserved populations
- ...and more

GUIDING YOU IN MOVING FROM CORE KNOWLEDGE TO APPLIED SKILLS

During your 2000-hour training year, you will have the opportunity to conduct therapy with children, adolescents, adults, and couples, regardless of the site(s) you select. All our sites also conduct full psychological evaluations for children and adults, including cognitive assessment, personality and projective testing, report writing and delivery of results. You will spend no less than 25% of your time in service provision, with an ever-advancing level of supervised autonomy as core competencies are met. Each site also offers its own unique opportunities for specialized training (see OKPPTC.org/sites), though each OKPPTC Psychology Intern will have a sampling of the array of specialties offered across all sites during the didactic trainings conducted by faculty psychologists.

Along with supervised service delivery (therapy and assessment), you'll develop skills in

- Research
- Ethical and Legal Standards
- Individual and Cultural Diversity
- Professional Values, Attitudes, Behaviors
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Intervention
- Supervision, Consultation, Collaboration
- Reflective Practice



Oklahoma Professional Psychology Training Consortium: Translating knowledge to practice.

WHICH SITE IS RIGHT?

With the collaborative approach of the member sites at OKPPTC, we firmly believe there is no wrong choice. We work closely with one another to ensure that your experience is tailored to your interests as an emerging professional.

You can choose both a primary and a secondary site, though that choice doesn't limit your access to OKPPTC faculty at other sites. The goal of this internship year is training—it is a rare thing to have the opportunity to follow specialty interests with mentors surrounding you.

OKPPTC SITE SPECIALTY AREAS

Norman Behavioral Health Group (Norman, OK): ABA therapy, EAP services, VA/veteran's services, developmental disabilities, business consulting, supervision of psychological technicians and applied behavioral analysis technicians

Solutions Mental Health (Tulsa, OK): Military Entrance Processing Command assessment, developmental disabilities, sexual behavior problems, autism spectrum disorder, forensic assessment/family court

McAlester Psychological Associates (McAlester, OK): Rural mental healthcare, parenting training, corrections and criminology, telehealth service provision, Social Security Disability, EMDR

Green Country Psychology (Tulsa, OK): LGBTQ+, mindfulness, neurodevelopmental disorder evaluation/treatment, forensic assessment, bariatric and medical/surgical evaluations, VA Disability/QTC and Social Security Disability, psychodynamic therapy

Psychology Specialists of Oklahoma (Oklahoma City, OK): neuropsychological evaluations, autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, forensic evaluation, child custody and family court testimony, Military Entrance Processing Command

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The Psychology Internship year begins August 1st and continues through July 31st.

This is a 2000-hour full-time internship. Your certificate of completion will reflect the number of hours. It's noted that 2000 hours is the highest standard across all jurisdictions in the US and Canada

The annual stipend is \$45,000.

No less than 25% of your time will be in direct service delivery. About 20 hours a week will be spent, in general, in supervised provision of direct psychological services.

An evaluation-rich environment with monthly feedback from the OKPPTC Faculty and Director of Clinical Training, with guidance and supportive feedback designed for your success in the EPPP and beyond as you enter the profession.

OKLAHOMA IS BETTER THAN OK!

The cost of living in Oklahoma is among the lowest in the nation—and our stipend is among the highest!

We have beautiful lakes, hills, prairies, forests, and a variety of landscapes to fit the needs of almost any hobbyist. We even have sand dunes for a weekend of 4-wheeling! We have the arts in both Tulsa and Oklahoma City though even our smaller rural communities have festivals and entertainment venues to delight all members of the family.

Oklahoma communities are consistently ranked as the most livable, affordable, safe and friendly in the nation.

We enjoy all four seasons!

EXPECTATIONS: YOURS AND OURS

Relationships are built on expectations, and the most successful ones have clarity. We expect you to be timely and present; you can expect that we will too. You can expect no less than 2 (two) hours of individual supervision weekly, and we will be likewise, timely and present.

Regardless of your primary or secondary site, you're part of your OKPPTC Psychology Internship class. We offer ample opportunities to interact with your fellow Psychology Interns. You'll see them once a month at an in-person all-day didactic hosted at one of our Consortium Sites and facilitated by the Site Director and/or health service psychologist OKPPTC faculty members at that site. There will be social gatherings across the state to help you connect and network with your faculty and classmates.



This year is one you won't forget—we want that to be a good thing.

Feedback is frequent and free flowing. It goes both ways—we solicit your feedback along the way at regular intervals. We will meet with you no less than monthly to track your progress; your site director(s) will be your primary contact. Likewise, we have an open-door policy regarding any concerns you may have along the way.

AN EVALUATION-RICH ENVIRONMENT

There are twelve structured signpost feedback sessions with your site director(s). These are holistic, two-way discussions about progress. The Site Directorate meets with the DCT monthly to make sure you're getting exactly what you need on the road to success. There are two deep-dive assessments, a mid-year and an end-of-year, there won't be any surprises for anyone in this evaluation-rich environment. Please see the Capstones at OKPPTC.org to explore the specific profession-wide competencies (PWC) and associated objectives measured throughout the year.

ACCREDITATION

The Oklahoma Professional Psychology Training Consortium is in the process of obtaining accreditation from the American Psychological Association (APA). We are a member of APPIC. The OKPPTC interns will have the unique experience of taking part in the APA accreditation process. Two of our faculty (Dr. Bart Trentham and Dr. Kathie Ward) have had that experience in 1996, as they had the chance to be instrumental in the APA approval of the Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program (NOPIP, located in Vinita, OK)—Dr. Trentham from the perspective of a faculty member and Dr. Ward as a charter member intern. If you are on the proverbial fence about joining OKPPTC, the enriching opportunity to participate in the APA accreditation application process is a great thing to consider.

CLEAR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DURING THIS TRAINING YEAR—READY FOR EPPP

The internship year is about moving from foundational knowledge to applied skills. In much the same way, the EPPP measures the information you've gleaned from your years of graduate training. Years ago (when many of the OKPPTC faculty were licensed!), it was common for jurisdictions to use Oral Examinations wherein the prospective licensee would be expected to respond verbally to clinical vignettes and case studies, usually administered by licensing board members in that jurisdiction but have subsequently been discontinued as a practice.

The EPPP examination is moving towards the application of knowledge in clinical settings. Our OKPPTC Capstone model of training is directly based on the APA PWC (Profession-Wide Competencies) with a focus on moving from knowledge to application thereof. In any internship, you will surely learn about the importance of confidentiality and proper documentation of information release. As an OKPPTC Psychology Intern, our guided approach means you'll also be able to discuss conflicts of interest, nuances of the concept of holder of privilege, and have skills to solve complex ethical situations around the topic.

The Oklahoma Professional Psychology Training Consortium was built ground-up to grow professional private practitioners and professional psychologists who can succeed in virtually any systemic role, as well.

A WORD FROM DR. KATHIE WARD, DCT

Welcome to the Oklahoma Professional Psychology Training Consortium. On behalf of the entire faculty, I would like to welcome you to this year-long experience. I know that I speak for everyone at OKPPTC when I say the we are pleased you are here and our doors are always open to you along this journey.

Internship year is often challenging. You may have family who are in another area, or you may be entirely out of your cultural comfort zone. While we all expect this will be a year of new experiences, we are determined to help you acclimate to your new environment.

The key to our success is collaboration. As faculty, we work together to provide a range of training opportunities geared to help you prepare for the EPPP and beyond, applying theoretical knowledge you've learned during graduate school to meaningful clinical practice.

You will get to know your fellow interns. I'm sure I speak for the other faculty members when I say that those relationships often last throughout your career and beyond.

We expect the year to be rigorous, but not oppressive. Working clinically can expose new Clinicians to vicarious trauma, and we will conduct frequent check-ins with you to ensure that your mental health remains a priority. Each of us asks that you join us in this effort by reaching out to one of the OKPPTC faculty if in distress.

OKPPTC welcomes you!

