

Arizona Psychology Training Consortium

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The Arizona Psychology Training Consortium (AZPTC) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit subsidiary corporation of the Arizona Psychological Association (AzPA). The AZPTC was created by the Arizona Psychological Association to develop predoctoral internship and postdoctoral residency training opportunities in the state. Being a consortium, our faculty is drawn from the psychological community in the state of Arizona, thus, utilizing the resources of academic departments, community agencies, and independent practitioners in providing organized and sequential training for interns and residents. Our training sites reflect the breadth of client populations and intervention modalities available in the State of Arizona. We take pride in providing intensive training in culturally responsive clinical practice.

The AZPTC is member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The predoctoral internship program and the postdoctoral residency program are both APPIC-member training programs. Therefore, The Consortium participates in the National Matching Service. A primary goal of AZPTC is to assist trainees in becoming licensed psychologists; therefore, it is important to ascertain whether an APPIC-member internship or residency program meets the requirements for licensure in your state.

Training Model

The Arizona Psychology Training Consortium provides opportunities for full-time and part-time internships and postdoctoral residencies. Predoctoral and postdoctoral supervisees spend either one or two years, depending on their full-time or part-time status, at their primary training site in Arizona. Through our training model, we aim to provide predoctoral interns with exposure to different sites, settings, and professional roles within applied psychology. The postdoctoral residency is developed to provide greater specialization and increased professional responsibilities preparing the trainee for independent practice. For two full days each month all trainees are required to meet together for didactic and experiential training. Supervisees receive Consortium training in assessment, ethics, research, and consultation. The practitioner training model emphasizes cultural diversity, psychotherapy, and independent practice issues. Trainers and supervisors provide exposure to a broad range of theoretical orientations and intervention strategies. In addition, members of the Arizona Psychological Association serve as mentors providing guidance in career development and professional networking.

Eligibility Requirements

Internship applicants must be working toward a doctoral degree in Clinical, Counseling, School psychology, or related programs in psychology from regionally accredited graduate institutions. Postdoctoral residency applicants must have completed a doctoral degree in Clinical, Counseling, School psychology, or related programs in psychology from regionally accredited graduate institutions, and a predoctoral internship meeting APPIC standards. Applicants from graduate institutions and internship programs in Arizona will be **given preference** in the applicant selection process.

Internship Program

Open for Internship Applications: August 1, 2010

Internship Applications Deadline: December 1, 2010

Full-time Intern Positions: 13

Part-time Intern Positions: 0

APPIC Online Directory Internship Member Number: 1158

Postdoctoral Residency Program

Postdoctoral Residency Applications Accepted : Continuously throughout the training year. Sites may set their own deadlines.

Full-time Postdoctoral Resident Positions: 8

Part-time Postdoctoral Resident Positions: 0

APPIC Online Directory Postdoctoral Member Number: 9987

Application

Internship Applicants

The Consortium participates in the national APPIC matching process. Thus, the APPIC online application process fulfills all the requirements to apply to any Consortium training site. There are no supplementary materials that are required.

Postdoctoral Residency Applicants

The required application materials are:

- 1) Cover letter summarizing your training interests
- 2) Curriculum vita
- 3) Documentation that you will complete all your doctoral degree requirements, including internship and dissertation, before the start of the training year. This documentation can be either:

a) A letter from your Director of Training, or Dissertation Chair, verifying that you are expected to complete all doctoral degree requirements before the Residency start date

or

b) An official transcript verifying your doctoral degree completion.

4) Official transcripts of all doctoral studies

5) Three letters of recommendation, in sealed and signed envelopes, from academic faculty, supervisors, or employers of your choice.

Each postdoctoral applicant must submit at least two complete application packets. One complete application packet must be mailed to the Consortium at the address below. Another complete application packet must be mailed directly to each training site of interest. Postdoctoral application materials should be submitted in sealed packets containing all relevant application materials. Thus, letters of recommendation and transcripts should be enclosed in the application packets and not mailed from the recommender or institution. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The postdoctoral application packet should be mailed to:

Arizona Psychology Training Consortium
Arizona Psychological Association
1843 East Southern Avenue
Tempe, AZ 85282

Selection Process

Applicants may apply to as many training sites within the AZPTC as they wish. Training sites will review the applications to their sites using a standardized rating procedure. Sites may choose to conduct in person or telephone interviews with applicants during December and January. Applicants will be notified in mid-December whether they will receive interviews. During the interview process, applicants are encouraged to learn as much as possible about the training opportunities offered by the AZPTC.

Intern applicants will be informed of their selections through the APPIC notification process and by phone. Postdoctoral residency applicants will be informed of their selection through phone, email, or mail.

The Consortium strictly adheres to all APPIC selection procedures, including the following:

1. This internship site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility shall solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant. Thus, internship applicants may not make any selection arrangements with internship sites. It must be a level playing field for all applicants.

2. All of the internship and postdoctoral residency training sites are committed to policies of non-discrimination in selection and hiring on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, physical disability, or other forms of diversity. The Consortium training program avoids any actions that would restrict program access on grounds that are irrelevant to success in graduate training. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

AZPTC Training Year Details

Orientation: July and August 2010

Start Date: Varies depending upon the training site.

Travel

Extensive driving is required to attend the training events held at training sites across the state. Interns and residents will be driving to Phoenix, Tucson, Wickenburg, Flagstaff, and other locations. Overnight lodging at the trainee's expense is occasionally required.

Stipends

The **individual** training sites determine stipends and benefits, and many are listed along with other information about the sites later in this document. The recommended stipends are \$20,000 for full-time interns and \$26,000 for full-time postdoctoral residents. The Consortium does not accept training sites that offer unfunded training positions. The cost of living in Arizona is roughly equal with most other parts of the country.

Further Information

The *Consortium Internship Matrix* and the *Consortium Postdoctoral Residency Matrix* describe the elements of each training program at each specific site. The matrices are useful for comparing sites with each other.

The *Psychology Intern Training Agreement* and the *Psychology Postdoctoral Resident Training Agreement* on the website describe the expectations, roles, and learning opportunities within the Consortium training program in greater depth.

The *Affiliation Agreement* outlines the relationship between the training sites and the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium.

For additional information, there is an article on the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium in *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*. The citation is Hogg, A. & Olvey, C. (2007), State psychological association creates a postdoctoral residency and internship training program. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 38, 705-713.

The Consortium strongly recommends that applicants learn as much as is possible about the internship or residency sites and supervisors as they believe this is necessary to make an appropriate and informed decision in this important aspect of professional preparation. Many of the sites have websites.

Individuals applying for internship or postdoctoral residency are encouraged to visit the website of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, which is the regulatory body responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of Arizonans as it pertains to the practice of psychology. The website includes a directory of licensed psychologists in Arizona, disciplinary actions with individual psychologists from 1998 to the present, links to rules and statutes governing the practice of psychology in Arizona, as well as, information on how to apply to become a licensed psychologist in Arizona. The website of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners is www.psychboard.az.gov.

For additional information about the Consortium, you may contact Dr. Neil Stafford at consortium@azpa.org.

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