

## Internship Program Admissions

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**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 Clinical Psychology Internship Program at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center offers a robust learning experience which allows Interns to gain knowledge about various psychological services that can be provided in urban hospital settings. Our Interns have placements on an acute inpatient unit, Consultation/Liaison team, a Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Room and an outpatient mental health clinic. This program is ideal for future psychologists to learn how to provide a broad range of services for a wide variety of mental health issues in different settings within a hospital setting. Our program is unique in that our Interns are exposed to all four types/levels of mental health services that are typically offered in general medical centers. In the Emergency room and the extended observation unit, our Interns learn to assess/interview patients experiencing acute, severe and urgent mental health needs. They also learn to provide brief, supportive psychotherapies when possible. On the inpatient unit, the Interns learn to provide brief psychotherapies, help patients cope with involuntary admissions, work with families in distress, and provide group therapy with frequently changing group members. They also learn about resources available for low income individuals seeking treatment in overcrowded health care systems, learn how to work effectively with other agencies, and understand/identify factors contributing to relapse. Additionally, the multidisciplinary setting allows for the development of skills to work effectively in teams and to learn how to integrate the input of individuals from various disciplines. In the outpatient clinic, Interns are able to provide relatively long term psychotherapies for both children and adults with both mild mental health issues as well as severe and persistent ones. They are able to work with families, educate patients about their treatment, and work effectively with psychiatrists and other mental health providers. On the C/L rotations, the Interns learn how to assess, diagnose, and provide bedside psychotherapy to individuals suffering from medical problems which require hospitalization.

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center Clinical Psychology Internship Program currently offers 4 full-time internship positions. Students interested in applying for the internship program should submit an online application through the APPIC website ([www.appic.org](http://www.appic.org)) using the APPIC Application for Psychology Internships (AAPI).

A complete application consists of the following materials:

1. A completed online AAPI
2. Cover letter (as part of AAPI)
3. A current Curriculum Vitae (as part of AAPI)
4. Three Standard Reference Forms, two of which must be from persons who have directly supervised your clinical work (as part of AAPI). Please submit no more than three SRFs.

5. Official transcripts of all graduate coursework
6. A fully redacted writing sample (preferably case conceptualization)

All application materials must be received by the date noted in the current APPIC directory listing in order to be considered.

#### Application Screening and Interview Processes

This program will base its selection process on the entire application package noted above; however, applicants who have met the following qualifications prior to beginning internship will be considered preferred:

1. Applicants who have either completed or are currently enrolled in a psychology externship at JHMC
2. Applicants with prior experience working with patients who have serious and persistent mental illness.
3. Applicants who are at least proficient in speaking other languages, particularly Spanish
4. Those with experience or special interest in working with diverse populations
5. Current enrollment and good standing in an APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral program.

All applications will be reviewed by the internship program's Training Committee using a standard Application Rating Scale and evaluated for potential goodness of fit with the internship program. The Training Committee meets to determine which applicants to invite for interviews based upon the results of this review process.

Applicants are notified whether they have received an interview by email on or before December 15. Interviews are scheduled on a first come, first served basis in December and early January and will occur in person. Format consists of a group interview/informational session followed by individual interview with an inpatient psychologist and another individual interview with an outpatient psychologist.

#### Participation in the APPIC Match

The Training Committee holds a meeting within two weeks of the final interviews being completed to determine applicant rankings. The full application package and information gleaned from the interview process are utilized to determine applicant rankings. As a member of APPIC, Jamaica Hospital participates in the national internship matching process by submitting its applicant rankings to the National Matching Service.

Jamaica Hospital Medical Center abides by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

Questions regarding any part of the selection process or Jamaica Hospital's academic preparation requirements may be directed to the Training Director.

All interns who match to Jamaica Hospital Medical Center must provide proof of citizenship or legal residency and must successfully be cleared by human resources before beginning employment. This includes drug testing, background checks and statewide central registry clearance. For information about specific requirements of Human Resources Department, please call 718-206-7806

**Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, indicate how many:** No This program does not have a minimum required

hours of assessment or intervention in order to be considered			
Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours			Amount:
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours			Amount:

<b>Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:</b>
There are no minimum criteria requirements

### **Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year\***

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	25,000	
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns		
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes	
<b>If access to medical insurance is provided:</b>		
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes	
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes	
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes	
Coverage of domestic partner available?		No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	97.5	
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	90	
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?	Yes	
Other Benefits (please describe): 30 hours of paid educational leave 8 paid holidays		

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

## Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2017-2019	
Total # of interns who were in the 2 cohorts	7	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center		
Federally qualified health center		
Independent primary care facility/clinic	1	
University counseling center		
Veterans Affairs medical center		
Military health center		
Academic health center		
Other medical center or hospital		
Psychiatric hospital		
Academic university/department		
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		
School district/system	1	1
Independent practice setting		1
Not currently employed	1	
Changed to another field		
Other	2	
Unknown		

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.