



High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium

Stipend, Resources, and Benefits

High Plains Psychology Internship Consortium (HP-PIC) offers seven (7) doctoral internship positions. Interns are employed by the agency to which they are matched. Interns begin and end their training year in August. The current stipend for the 2021-2022 training year varies based on training site. The current stipends at PEAK Wellness Center and Options in Psychology, LLC training sites are \$25,000. Weld County Re-8 School District offers a stipend of \$22,000. The current stipends at the Colorado Center for Assessment and Counseling and the Educational Service Unit #13 are \$31,800.

In addition to a stipend, interns are provided with other benefits. Interns at Educational Service Unit #13 and Peak Wellness Center are provided with health insurance benefits. The interns at Re-8, and Options in Psychology are provided with a supplemental stipend of up to \$250/month (or \$3,000 annually) allotted for the purchase of a health insurance plan. There are currently no benefits offered to interns at Colorado Center for Assessment and Counseling.

Two of the five training sites follow a school schedule which affords those interns several scheduled breaks throughout the academic year (e.g., winter break, spring break). Interns placed at those sites are expected to use the vacation days that align with their school calendar, and also receive 5 flex days and 2 professional days. Interns at the other two sites (i.e., CCAC, Peak Wellness, Options in Psychology) are provided with 15 scheduled vacation days, 5 "flex" days, and 2 professional leave days (for post-doc interviews, dissertation defense, conference attendance, etc.). In addition, interns are provided with two (2) hours per week of dedicated research time that may be used for dissertation and/or activities fulfilling the research requirement of the internship.

HP-PIC interns also have access to numerous resources in all training sites associated with the consortium. Assessment and other training materials are provided by each training site, and any additional materials needed may be purchased pending approval by the Training Committee. Each intern has access to administrative and IT support through their primary training site. Each intern is provided with a workspace, as well as access to a phone, computer,

and distance technology for necessary meetings, supervision, and/or didactic seminars. Interns are also able to access the Applied Statistics and Research Methods Lab through the University of Northern Colorado, as granted full electronic access to the University library system.

Finally, interns matched with HP-PIC are expected to travel to other consortium sites several times during the internship year and therefore, must have access to reliable transportation. Interns are reimbursed for their travel between sites for required training experiences at the standard mileage rate set by the State of Colorado. Whenever possible, interns are encouraged to carpool with other interns. If an individual chooses to take his or her own vehicle rather than carpool, the travel will not be reimbursed. In addition, the intern employed by ESU13 has access to an agency vehicle that may be used during the workday to travel between regional sites.