

School Year Arc of Learning for School Psychology Interns 2024-2025

September

1. **Ethical Practices:** Familiarization with NASP ethical guidelines and their application in school settings.
2. **Assessment Techniques:** Overview of various assessment tools and methods used for evaluating student needs.
3. **Collaborative Consultation:** Training in effective communication and collaboration with teachers and parents.
4. **Cultural Competence:** Exploring the importance of diversity and cultural factors in school psychology practices.

October

1. **Data-Based Decision Making:** Learning to use data to inform interventions and support student learning.
2. **Intervention Strategies:** Examination of evidence-based interventions for academic and behavioral challenges..
3. **Crisis Intervention:** Introduction to strategies for managing crises and assisting students in emotional distress.
4. **Building Relationships:** Techniques for establishing rapport with students and fostering a supportive environment.

November

1. **Mental Health Awareness:** Identifying common mental health issues in students and understanding their impact on learning.

2. **Behavioral Assessments:** Training in functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans.
3. **Individualized Education Programs (IEPs):** Understanding the IEP process and the psychologist's role in it.
4. **Social-Emotional Learning (SEL):** Exploring SEL frameworks and their importance in student development.
5. **Consultation Models:** Different models of consultation and their application within the school setting.

December

1. **Family Engagement:** Strategies for involving families in the educational process and supporting student success.
2. **Cognitive Assessment Methods:** Learning about various cognitive assessment tools and their interpretations.
3. **Cultural Differences in Learning:** Investigating how cultural backgrounds influence student behavior and learning styles.
4. **Group Interventions:** Designing and implementing small group interventions for social skills and academic support.
5. **School Policy and Advocacy:** Understanding school policies related to mental health and how to advocate for students.

January

1. **Professional Development:** Importance of lifelong learning and continuing education in psychology.
2. **Counseling Techniques:** Introduction to basic counseling skills and therapeutic techniques for school settings.
3. **Trauma-Informed Practices:** Learning about trauma impact on children and approaches for trauma-sensitive schools.
4. **Peer Intervention Programs:** Developing and promoting peer support initiatives among students.

5. **Referral Processes:** Understanding school referral processes and how to navigate them effectively.

February

1. **Research and Evaluation:** Fundamentals of conducting research in school psychology and evaluating program effectiveness.
2. **Collaboration with Community Resources:** Networking with community agencies to support families and students.
3. **Understanding Learning Disabilities:** Detailed exploration of specific learning disabilities and their assessment.
4. **Teaching Coping Strategies:** Training in teaching students to develop healthy coping mechanisms.
5. **Technology in School Psychology:** Using technology tools for assessments and interventions.

March

1. **Advanced Assessment Techniques:** Delving deeper into assessment interpretations and ethical considerations.
2. **Special Education Law:** Understanding laws related to special education and the rights of students.
3. **Systems of Support:** Examining multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) and their relevance in schools.
4. **Behavioral Modification Techniques:** Learning about positive behavior supports and promoting proactive strategies.
5. **Mental Health Resources:** Knowledge of local and national mental health resources available for students.

April

1. **Behavioral Data Analysis:** Techniques for analyzing and interpreting behavioral data for informed decision-making.

2. **Crisis Management Plans:** Developing and practicing comprehensive crisis management strategies.
3. **Parent and Teacher Workshops:** Designing workshops on mental health awareness and support strategies.
4. **Evaluation and Feedback:** Learning effective methods for providing feedback to students and staff.
5. **Career Pathways in School Psychology:** Exploring various career opportunities within the field of school psychology.

May

1. **Reflective Practice:** Recognizing the importance of reflection on personal growth and professional development.
2. **Capstone Project Preparation:** Guidelines for completing a capstone project that addresses a relevant school issue.
3. **Final Assessments and Evaluations:** Conducting end-of-year assessments and evaluations of student progress.
4. **Transition Planning:** Strategies for supporting students transitioning to different educational settings (e.g., grade levels).
5. **Celebration of Learning:** Planning and participating in a presentation to showcase learning achievements throughout the internship.