

School Psychology Interns FAQ

General Internship Information

What is the daily routine for a School Psychology Intern?

Your daily routine will vary depending on the school's needs, but generally, it includes meeting with students, conducting assessments, attending meetings, and collaborating with teachers and parents. You'll also have time set aside for documentation and supervision sessions.

How many hours per week do I work?

Interns typically work 40 hours per week

What happens if the school is closed?

In the event that the school is closed, additional projects may be assigned to ensure that interns complete a full 40 hours for that work week. This allows interns to continue their professional development and maintain their engagement in the internship experience.

What is my arrival time at school?

Your arrival time will be dictated by the school schedule, but it's usually 8:10 AM. Confirm with your school administration for specific arrival times

What time does my day end each day?

Your day typically ends around 3:30 PM or when school activities conclude, though this can vary based on the school's schedule.

What is my start date?

Your start date will be Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024.

What is my end date?

Your end date will be Thursday May 2nd, 2024.

Compensation and Benefits

What is my paid salary?

Interns that complete 1200 hours of internship will receive a total compensation of \$30,000

How often do I get paid?

Payment frequency is on a biweekly schedule.

How many internship hours do I get paid for?

You will be paid up to 1200 hours for your internship

Do I receive health benefits?

Health benefits are not included in the Paid Internship program

Roles and Responsibilities

What are the main areas of focus during a School Psychology Internship?

Your primary areas of focus will include assessment, intervention, consultation, and prevention. You'll work closely with students, teachers, and parents to support student development and learning.

How do I effectively manage my time during the internship?

Effective time management involves setting clear priorities, using planning tools (like calendars and to-do lists), and regularly consulting with your DCPS field supervisor to stay on track with your goals.

How do I navigate the school system and its policies as an intern?

Familiarize yourself with the school's policies and procedures by reviewing the school handbook and attending orientation sessions. When in doubt, consult with your school administrator or DCPS field supervisor.

What support and guidance can I expect from my field supervisor?

You can expect regular check-ins, feedback on your performance, and guidance on specific cases.

How frequently will my field supervisor check in with me?

Check-in frequency varies, but you can typically expect weekly for one hour to discuss your progress, challenges, and any questions you may have.

What is Case Conference?

A case conference is a meeting where professionals discuss a student's case to develop strategies and interventions to support the student's educational and emotional needs.

Will I be provided with assessment materials?

Yes, the school will provide you with all necessary assessment materials and tools. Make sure to confirm this with your field supervisor.

Working with the School Community

What is the best way to approach and work with students, teachers, and parents?

Approach all stakeholders with empathy, active listening, and clear communication. Building trust and maintaining a collaborative attitude is crucial.

How can I ensure confidentiality and ethical practices in my work?

Always follow the NASP (National Association of School Psychologists) ethical guidelines, and consult with your field supervisor when in doubt. Ensure that all student information is kept confidential and shared only with relevant personnel.

Will I need to participate in IEP/Eligibility Meetings?

Yes, participation in Individualized Education Program (IEP) and eligibility meetings is a key part of your role as a School Psychology Intern.

Logistics and Administration

Who do I report to in the school building?

You will typically report to the school's principal as well as your assigned field supervisor.

When do I meet my field supervisor?

Your first meeting with your field supervisor will usually be scheduled during your initial week. They will outline the schedule for regular check-ins.

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Performance and Evaluation

How will my internship experience be evaluated, and what is expected of me in terms of performance?

Your performance will be evaluated based on your ability to meet learning objectives, professional behavior, and the quality of your interactions and assessments. Regular feedback sessions with your field supervisor will help you stay aligned with expectations.

By understanding these key aspects of your internship, you'll be well-prepared to make the most of this valuable learning experience. Welcome aboard, and here's to a successful year ahead!