

Duquesne University
Department of Psychology
Internship in Psychology Application (PSYC 390)

Application Deadline: Feb. 15, 2019

Submit application to Psychology Department, Rockwell Hall room 211

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Psychology Department values experiential education. To provide students with structured opportunities for such learning, examples of Internships are Arsenal Family & Children's Center, UPMC-Shadyside Hospital Elder Life Program, a Forensic Psychology Internship opportunity that involves working with a local Psychologist, and a client experience research opportunity at Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

The internships have two components: weekly activities at the specific site, and meetings with the course instructor that integrate reflection on internship activities with scholarly reading. The course, for which students receive a letter grade, requires a final paper demonstrating reflection and integration of the experience with relevant academic scholarship.

For all sites except Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh and FOCUS Pittsburgh, you are required to have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in psychology courses. You are also required to be a Psychology major with at least 12 credits completed in psychology.

Arsenal Family & Children's Center

The Arsenal Internship is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There is a class limit of 4 students. In this program, students learn about normal children by observing preschool children. In addition, they observe the teaching techniques used with normal children and learn about intervention strategies. Teachers meet with students to discuss various materials. Lectures are presented and teachers meet with students for discussion.

UPMC-Shadyside Hospital Elder Life Program

The internship at the UPMC-Shadyside Hospital Elder Life Program is an innovative program designed to improve the hospital experience of older patients by exploring their past and current experiences, interest/values, and physical and psychological challenges. The internship is 8 hours per week for the academic semester, often done in two 4-hour shifts. Orientation meetings for this internship will take place prior to the start of the semester.

Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh

Emmaus Community serves adults with intellectual disabilities. They provide permanent homes and respite care, and are advocates for individuals in the community who are diagnosed with intellectual disabilities and/or autism. You will be at the site approximately 8-10 hours a week and scheduling is very flexible. The internship experience will vary depending on your individual interests and agency needs, but duties could include helping the residents with tasks of daily living such as cooking, providing companionship (e.g., playing games, going out to eat), driving residents to appointments, and completing administrative tasks. Internship students are required to possess a valid driver's license and must be able to pass a criminal background check. There is no minimum GPA/QPA requirement for this site.

Forensic Psychology Internship

This internship is supervised by Dr. Eric Bernstein, a licensed psychologist who specializes in forensic based work within Family and Juvenile Courts. This entails child custody evaluations and work for Office of Children Youth and Family Services in matters concerning abuse, neglect, and mistreatment of children. Internship students will be exposed to all aspects of this clinical practice including observing interviews, assessment, and testimony within Court.

Student activities include (1) observing and learning about the nature of a private practice and the responsibilities and practice of performing forensic work, and (2) offering administrative assistance such as filing, organizing, and other clerical duties. Depending upon students' experience and interest, they may also assist with scoring psychological testing. This internship requires a commitment of 8 hours per week for the entire semester. Dr. Bernstein's office is located in a secure office building in Station Square, and all supervised field placement hours will occur during office hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Client Experience Research at Allegheny County Department of Human Services

The internship at Office of Data Analysis, Research and Evaluation ([Allegheny County Department of Human Services](#)) will be 8 hours per week, and students are expected to complete those hours during the work week (Monday-Friday, between 8:00-5:00). The internship is flexible to accommodate days/times for internship student(s). In this program, students will have the opportunity to learn about program evaluation and design in human services. There will be a special emphasis on qualitative research methods to collect service experience data. Students will observe and have the ability to participate in all aspects of our client experience research program: reviewing the literature, designing a project scope (research questions to methodology), collecting data/field research, data analysis (both quantitative and qualitative), as well as dissemination (reporting findings in narrative report and/or presentation with program stakeholders). [Click here](#) for sample reports prepared by DARE staff. Lectures and seminars will also be incorporated in the internship. The main objective of this internship is for students to increase their awareness about program evaluation and research in human services, especially methods that amplify client voice.

In order to apply for this internship you must have completed Research Methods in Psychology (PSYC 201) and you will be required to pass a Child Abuse background check. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence (PSYC 225W), Perspectives on Disability and Illness (PSYC 324/OCCTH 324), and/or Psychology of Gender (PSYC 353), but you are welcome to apply even if you have not completed any of those three courses.

FOCUS Pittsburgh

FOCUS Pittsburgh is a non-profit community organization that serves the Hill District of Pittsburgh. Exact duties of internship students may vary, but it is likely that your work will involve helping community residents recover from individual and community trauma. You will be expected to volunteer 8-10 hours a week at their Hill District location. This is a great opportunity for students interested in trauma, community development, human/social services, or counseling.

Submitting an Application to Participate in the Internship in Psychology

Each of the six internship sites provides outstanding opportunities for learning and growth, and thus they are very popular with students. Therefore, students' qualifications for acceptance into an internship are assessed according to the following criteria:

CRITERION I: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

You are required to have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in psychology courses in all sites except for Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh and FOCUS Pittsburgh.

Please attach your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) to your application.

CRITERION II: CLASS LEVEL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

You are required to be a Psychology major with at least 12 credits completed in psychology. Due to the popularity of these Internships, preference will be given to seniors and to students who have not previously participated in an internship. Juniors and sophomores are welcome to apply and may be awarded an internship if positions are available.

Name: _____

Current local address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Anticipated date of graduation: _____

Please express your internship preference

Allegheny County Health Department _____

Arsenal Family & Children's Center _____

Emmaus Community of Pittsburgh _____

Focus Pittsburgh _____

Forensic Psychology Internship _____

UPMC-Shadyside Hospital Elder Life Program _____

Attach a copy of your most recent transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable) to this application.

You will be informed of the outcome of your application in time to register for the upcoming semester. Students selected for an internship should register for PSYC 390, Internship in Psychology. In addition to on-site hours at their sites, students will be required to complete academic assignments (e.g., a term paper) as a part of PSYC 390.

Students not selected for an internship this time are encouraged to reapply next semester. Volunteer opportunities are also available. These provide excellent learning experiences similar to the internships along with the privilege of being of service to the community.

Note that students who have participated in one internship may apply for a second internship in another semester.

If you have questions about your application, feel free to contact Dr. Koelsch, koelschl@dug.edu.

Submit your application Feb. 15, to Marilyn in Rockwell Hall 211.