



**Friendship Public
Charter School**
GRADES PRE-K3 TO 12

Externship Opportunities at Friendship Public Charter Schools

Friendship Public Charter Schools (FPCS) proudly offers externship opportunities across its campuses, providing invaluable training for aspiring psychologists. Our schools include:

- **Friendship Armstrong Elementary & Middle** – A Reggio Emilia-Inspired Learning Center
- **Friendship Blow Pierce Elementary & Middle**
- **Friendship Chamberlain Elementary & Middle**
- **Friendship Ideal Elementary & Middle**
- **Friendship Southeast Elementary & Middle**
- **Friendship Woodridge International**
- **Friendship Online Academy**

With over 25 years of academic excellence and 15 campuses across the Washington, D.C. area, Friendship Public Charter Schools are dedicated to fostering success for PK3-12 students through high-quality education. Our rigorous academic programs are delivered in supportive, high-performing classrooms, ensuring that all students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to gain college admission and thrive in higher education.

About the Externship Program

FPCS is one of the largest public charter school networks in the nation, offering externs a unique opportunity to engage with urban youth and their families. The program is designed to develop culturally competent practitioner-scientists who apply psychological principles to improve the lives of minority and underserved communities.

Externs will gain hands-on experience in:

- Understanding how individual and community factors influence mental health outcomes
- Participating in **Staff Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings**
- Providing **Individual and Group Therapy**
- Conducting **Psychological Assessments**
- Attending **Staff Trainings and Clinical Rounds**

Training Goals & Objectives

The externship program prepares students to become culturally sensitive, ethical, and skilled psychologists. Participants will develop competencies in:

1. Critical thinking and problem-solving
2. Ethical decision-making

3. Leadership within the community
4. Working with diverse populations, including special needs students
5. Delivering evidence-based psychological interventions within school settings

This is an integrated training program that combines both therapy and assessment experiences, tailored to site-specific and student needs.

Eligibility & Application Process

This externship is open to **3rd- or 4th-year graduate students** enrolled in **APA-accredited psychology programs** who have an interest in working within the school system.

Externship Components:

- **Supervision:** 1 hour of **Group Supervision** and 1 hour of **Individual Supervision** weekly, provided by a **Licensed Clinical Psychologist**
- **Caseload:** Determined by school requirements

Important Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** March 7, 2025
- **Externship Start Date:** September 12, 2025

Application Requirements:

Candidates should submit the following materials:

- **Personal Statement** (1-2 pages) detailing professional strengths, areas for growth, theoretical orientation, and future career goals
- **Two Letters of Recommendation**
- **Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

Completed applications should be sent via email to: **BMillet@friendshipschools.org**