

Clinical Psychology Externship Program at the Multicultural Clinical Center
Diagnostic Clinic
Application for 2024-2025 Academic Year

Overview of the Multicultural Clinical Center

The Multicultural Clinical Center is a licensed mental health center that provides comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services since 1991. MCC has extensive experience providing diagnostic assessments for children, adolescents and adults, including psychological, neuropsychological, parent – capacity evaluations as well as parental – child relational assessments. The Multicultural Clinical Center services are based on the belief that the therapist knowledge of the client’s culture is crucial for effective evaluations and treatment services. A therapist who understands how culture influences the client’s thoughts, emotions, behaviors, personality and coping skills is better able to identify the unique strengths and limitations of the individual. The clinic is supervised by a licensed clinical psychologist.

Overview of the Externship Program

Externs should expect to work with a diverse set of clients, clinicians, interpreters, and staff to conduct evaluations and prepare reports. MCC’s assessment services are provided to individuals across the lifespan. Externs will work with clients who are requesting evaluations on behalf of the court system and those who privately seek evaluations. MCC frequently works with incarcerated youth and others involved in the legal system, Virginia school systems, and immigrant populations. There are many opportunities for Spanish-speaking externs to provide assessment services in Spanish. Externs will learn to provide comprehensive assessments for intellectual, cognitive, academic, emotional, and personality functioning. Further, externs will conduct evaluations to assess the quality of caregiver/child interactions. Externs will develop their ability select test measures appropriate for requested assessments, build on existing writing skills by learning to integrate results, background information, collateral information, and making reasonable, tailored recommendations for each client.

Supervision

All supervision will be provided by a licensed clinical psychologist and is essential in both the testing and report-writing process. Supervision will be provided in a 1:1 setting and in a group setting. Supervision will be used to discuss cases including, but not limited to, test results, clinical observations, diagnostic considerations, review of records and collateral documents, and to discuss report writing. Externs will receive live observation of their testing skills at least twice per semester.

Additional Information/Resources

The externship program at MCC is 12 months and will begin in August of 2024 and end in August of 2025. Externs commit to 16 hours of externship experience each week. Externs are expected to be on-site at the MCC every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The second day of externship can be negotiated based on the student’s schedule.

Applicant Qualifications and Application Process

Students of all levels of doctoral training are welcome to apply

Many opportunities for Spanish-speaking assessments

Students must have prior coursework in both cognitive and personality assessment

Applications are due Wednesday February 7, 2024

Complete applications should be emailed to Dr. Carolyn Corbett (ccorbett@mccva.com) and should include the following:

- Cover Letter;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- A de-identified psychological evaluation including integrated test results

Interviews will be conducted on Zoom for qualified applicants.

MCC participates in Uniform Notification Day, which is Friday, March 8, 2024. Selected applicants will be required to complete routine fingerprinting and background check prior to beginning externship. There may be a cost associated with some of these services. Specific information will be provided to students in the initial letter of selection sent after Uniform Notification Day.

Please contact the MCC Clinical Psychology Externship Program Supervisor with any questions:

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