



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Edward Hines, Jr. Hospital
Hines IL 60141-5000

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the psychology practicum training program at Hines VA Hospital for the training year 2017-2018.

The practicum starts in early July and is 11 or 12 months in length, concluding at the end of May or June, depending on practicum placement.

Our Practicum program complements our APA-approved Internship Program to offer excellent training for students at both levels of education and experience. We offer seven primary practicum rotations: 1) Neuropsychological Assessment 2) Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program 3) TBI/Polytrauma Psychology Outpatient Clinic 4) Trauma Services 5) Primary Care Behavioral Health 6) Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC) and 7) Spinal Cord Injury Program.

The Neuropsychological rotation offers only assessment experience, while the TBI/Polytrauma Psychology Clinic, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center and Spinal Cord Injury rotations offer primarily psychotherapy experience with some minimal assessment opportunities. The TBI/Polytrauma, Trauma Services, Substance Abuse Treatment Program, and Primary Care Behavioral Health rotations will offer both clinical and some assessment opportunities but best serve as advanced treatment/intervention practicum placements for students (please see our Practicum Program brochure for more detailed information about each rotation).

All application materials (Hines VA application, letter of readiness, letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts, vita, and cover letter) **must** be received by Feb 3rd 2017. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early, as incomplete and late applications **will not** be considered. After review of your application materials, you may be contacted for an interview. Please keep in mind that early applications will have an advantage, since these applicants will have an opportunity to interview earlier. Please note that the VA requires applicants to be a US citizen and Hines VA Psychology Practicum program requires applicants to be from an APA-approved program.

While offers for placement may be made to some students at any time, we understand that those students whose programs comply with the ACEPT guidelines may not be able to receive or respond to such offers until the practicum match date. We expect to make offers to students bound by the ACEPT dates and will wait for responses to offers when needed.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rene Pichler-Mowry
Practicum Coordinator
Email: Rene.Pichler-Mowry@va.gov

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Clinical and counseling students in APA-approved doctoral (Ph.D. and Psy.D.) programs are eligible for training in the Hines Psychology Practicum Training Program. These are either 11-month or 12-month practica, starting in July and concluding at the end of May or end of June. Your acceptance is binding and a switch to an appointment at another facility after signing our contract violates your school's affiliation with us.

Completed application packages may be submitted at any time. However, all completed packages must arrive by the **deadline of Friday, February 3rd, 2017** to be considered. Questions about the practicum program can be addressed to Rene Pichler-Mowry, Ph.D., Practicum Coordinator at Rene.Pichler-Mowry@va.gov.

Cover letters and letters of recommendation can be addressed to: Hines Psychology Practicum Committee

Send the following application materials to:

John Escutia
Program Specialist
Mental Health Service Line
Email: Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov

All materials must be submitted by EMAIL with attachments, subject line: **“(your last name) practicum application.”** Letters of Recommendation can also be submitted via EMAIL **using the same subject line.**

- A) Completed current Hines VA Hospital Psychology Practicum Training Application.**
- B) Two letters of recommendation, preferably from doctoral level psychologists, who are familiar with your academic work, practicum performance, or other pertinent experience. One of these letters may also be from your Director of Clinical Training if this individual is familiar with your clinical work. Letters of recommendation should be submitted via email to Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov**
- C) Graduate transcripts for second, third, and fourth year students. Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts for first year students. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.**
- E) Current Curriculum Vitae - please include the following:**
 - education
 - practicum experience
 - relevant prior job experience
 - publications and presentations
 - honors and awards
 - professional affiliations
- F) A cover letter.**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by email to Hinespsychologypracticum@va.gov (subject line: (your last name) practicum application, IN FULL, BY FEBRUARY 3rd