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Psychology Externship

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**PSYCHOLOGY EXTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM
SAN FRANCISCO VA MEDICAL CENTER
TRAINING YEAR 2010-2011**

Application deadline is **February 15, 2010**.

Training Opportunities

We are offering externship (practicum) training this year in the areas of Community Mental Health/Santa Rosa Clinic (with Dr. Patrick Reilly), Health Psychology (with Dr. Timothy Carmody), Mood Disorders (with Dr. John McQuaid), Neuropsychology (with Dr. Johannes Rothlind), Psychosocial Rehab (with Drs. Michael Drexler and Jennifer Boyd), PTSD Treatment (with Drs. Eunie Jung, Victoria Tichenor, Angie Waldrop, Martha Schmitz, Shira Maguen, and Dawn Lawhon), or Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment (with Drs. Kellie Rollins and Sam Wan). A copy of our more comprehensive Psychology Predoctoral Training Program brochure is available on this website if you would like more information about our training site. On the following pages are specific descriptions of the separate externship training rotations.

Eligibility & Requirements

To be eligible for externship placement at San Francisco VA Medical Center, you must be in good standing at an APA accredited doctoral program in psychology. Externships are without compensation and are typically 16-20 hours per week. The training year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. There is a 3-4 day required Trainee Orientation at the start as well as a two-day Medical Center Orientation that may be taken in July or August. We also host a Trainee Welcoming Party at one of the staff's homes every year within the first two weeks, family and significant others are welcome to attend. All applicants must have had varicella (chicken pox) or the vaccination and will be required to take a PPD test prior to start.

Application Procedure & Selection

To apply, please complete the enclosed application materials and return no later than **February 15, 2010**. On the application cover page, please **rank order** your preferences if you are applying to more than one area. After your application file is complete, it will be reviewed by the rotation supervisors you selected. If a supervisor would like to invite you for an interview, they will contact you directly to set up a date and time. If you have not been selected to interview for any of your selected rotations, you will receive an email indicating such by April 5, 2010. *If you receive an email indicating you have not been selected for an interview, this applies to all rotations you ranked.*

Individual interviews will take place from Feb – April. We will make offers on **APRIL 12, 2010** from 8:30-noon, the Practicum Notification Date agreed upon by BAPIC (Bay Area Practicum Information Collaborative). Please be sure that the telephone number we have on file for you is the one we can reach you at on PND.

It is important that applicants be aware that we make a clear distinction between “internship” and “externship” training, and applicants are asked to sign a brief statement at the end of our externship application so as to avoid any misunderstanding. We use the term “externship” to denote a part-time (less than 40 hour/week) unfunded practicum experience with a concentration in a particular area. The hours accrued as an extern at our Medical Center are not counted for California licensure as a psychologist.

Contact Information

For questions about specific rotations, you may contact the supervisors directly at the email address listed on each rotation description. General administrative questions may be sent to Makoto Horiuchi at makoto.horiuchi@va.gov and general questions about the overall SFVA Psychology Training Program may be sent to Kellie Rollins, PsyD, Director of Psychology Training, at Kellie.Rollins2@va.gov.

Please purchase package tracking or enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard with your application that we can return to serve as receipt of your application’s arrival. We kindly ask that you do not call the program to check on the status of your application until it is clear there may be a problem. We will need to preserve staff support resources in order to sort and review applications in a timely manner.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH / SANTA ROSA VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC (CBOC)

Emphasis on Substance Use Disorders and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

The Santa Rosa CBOC is located 55 miles north of San Francisco and is a satellite clinic of the San Francisco VA Medical Center, serving veterans from Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake, and Mendocino Counties. It operates as a community mental health center with a unique and diverse patient population and has been admitting an increasing number of returning OEF/OIF veterans. The clinic provides high quality care for veterans with mental health problems, emphasizing combat and sexual assault-related posttraumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, anger management, mental health problems of homeless veterans, late life depression, chronic mental illness, and psychiatric illness co-occurring with medical illnesses. The Santa Rosa CBOC consists of an interdisciplinary treatment team including three psychiatrists, two psychologists, two registered nurses, two social workers, a postdoctoral psychology fellow, and two externs.

The CBOC offers two 16-hour a week externships to predoctoral students enrolled in APA accredited psychology programs. The primary focus of the externships is on substance abuse and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), although other mental health problems are also addressed. The extern will function as part of a multidisciplinary team consisting of psychologists, psychology postdoctoral fellow, psychiatrists, social workers, counselors, and clinical nurse specialists.

The extern will receive clinical and didactic training in the assessment and treatment of substance abuse, PTSD, and other mental health problems, and will learn individual and group therapy skills, cognitive behavioral techniques, and gain exposure to psychopharmacology. Training is under the direction of Patrick Reilly, Ph.D. and weekly supervision is provided by Dr. Reilly.

There is a specific focus on a phase-oriented model of substance abuse treatment that emphasizes group treatment, although individual therapy is provided when clinically indicated. PTSD treatment is provided with a largely here and now focus, although a more intensive trauma focus approach is offered to those patients who can benefit from this more in-depth type of therapy. Other treatment options available to the extern are anger management and stress management groups. The extern will also participate in a weekly substance abuse and PTSD training seminar focusing on evidence based treatment.

Contact information: Dr. Reilly at Patrick.reilly@va.gov

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

The Health Psychology Program provides clinical training in various aspects of behavioral medicine, including pain management; cognitive-behavioral treatment of anxiety, depression, and somatoform disorders; adjustment to chronic illness; smoking cessation, weight management (including bariatric surgery program), and treatment of psychophysiological disorders. The predoctoral externs in Health Psychology provide psychological consultation and conduct stress and pain management therapy (both group and individual), biofeedback, and hypnotherapy. In addition, they co-lead weight management groups and serve on interdisciplinary teams in the Pain Clinic, Obesity Management (VA MOVE Program), and Primary Care.

Supervision

Clinical supervision is provided by Timothy P. Carmody, Ph.D., Director of the Health Psychology Program. Supervision is provided in weekly one-on-one sessions, case conferences, and co-therapy experiences in cognitive-behavioral groups. Externs also participate in interdisciplinary case conferences.

Didactic Training

There is a weekly Health Psychology Seminar. Topics include chronic pain, psychophysiological disorders, coronary-prone behavior, stress management, smoking cessation, weight management, cognitive-behavioral therapy, biofeedback, and hypnosis. There are also presentations on various topics in general medicine including coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and cancer.

Predoctoral Externship Positions

There are two predoctoral externship training positions available in the Health Psychology Program during any given training year. Predoctoral externship training in Health Psychology is structured as a part-time (16-20 hours/week) training experience over a 12-month period. The training year begins on July 1st and continues through June 30th. Predoctoral externs in Health Psychology spend their time as follows:

%	Effort Hrs/wk	Training Activity
75	11-15	Direct patient care
10	2	Seminar/didactic Training
15	3	Supervision

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MOOD DISORDERS PSYCHOTHERAPY PROGRAM

The Mood Disorders Psychotherapy Program at the VA San Francisco Medical Center is a new treatment program that started in the 2009-2010 academic year. It provides training in diagnostic assessment and evidence-based psychotherapy for the treatment major depressive disorder and related diagnoses (bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder). The program focuses on the use of evidence-based psychotherapy (primarily cognitive-behavioral techniques) and the use of case formulation to guide treatment. Opportunities include diagnostic assessment using the Structured Clinical Interview for the DSM-IV (SCID), diagnostic screening, structured cognitive-behavioral group therapy for major depression and individual cognitive-behavioral therapy for mood disorders. Additional possible opportunities (depending on resources, interest, and patient need) include cognitive-behavioral interventions for anxiety disorders, dialectical behavior therapy for borderline personality disorder, cognitive-behavior therapy for insomnia, imagery rehearsal therapy for nightmares, and mindfulness-based stress reduction.

Supervision

Clinical supervision will be provided by John R. McQuaid, Ph.D. Supervision will be provided in weekly one-on-one sessions and co-therapy experiences in cognitive-behavioral groups. All treatment will be either audio or video recorded for supervision purposes. If there is enough interest, there will also be a group supervision team.

Didactic Training

If there is sufficient interest, there will be a weekly, year-long course seminar open to trainees and staff on evidence-based psychotherapy. Topics will include principles of cognitive and behavioral therapies, overview of current evidence-based therapies (interpersonal psychotherapy, dialectical behavior therapy, “third wave” interventions) application to specific disorders (depression, anxiety, personality disorders, psychosis) and additional topics of interest to the class.

Predoctoral Externship Positions

There will be two predoctoral externship training positions available in the Mood Disorders Psychotherapy Program during any given training year. Predoctoral externship training in mood disorders will be structured as a part-time (20 hours/week) training experience over a 12-month period. The training year begins on July 1st and continues through June 30th. Predoctoral externs in mood disorders are anticipated to spend their time as follows:

%	Effort Hrs/wk	Training Activity
75	15	Direct patient care
10	2	Seminar/didactic Training
15	3	Supervision

Contact information: Dr. McQuaid at john.mcquaid@va.gov

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

The Neuropsychology Externship Program (20 hours/week) provides training in neuropsychological evaluation and consultation. Externs participate in weekly didactic training and case-conference meeting (2 hours). A variety of assessment techniques are taught and practiced, and basic psychometric principles are reviewed. Trainees gain experience applying a hypothesis-testing approach to the neuropsychological evaluation, and learn to select and integrate methods from clinical interviewing, intelligence testing, cognitive screening assessments, the Halstead-Reitan and Boston Process approaches to neuropsychological assessment, projective testing, and traditional self-report techniques (MMPI-2, PAI, NEO-PI-R, etc.). Basic neuroanatomy is also reviewed in these seminars. Further opportunities are available for attendance at brain-cutting and psychiatry and neurology rounds.

The Neuropsychology Program evaluates inpatient and outpatients from all programs of the SFVAMC, inpatient and outpatient, and patients referred from VA clinics and programs in the surrounding region. Trainees will have an opportunity to perform evaluations and participate in the weekly multidisciplinary Memory Disorders Clinic, and may also consult to the multidisciplinary triage clinic of the Mental Health Outpatient Service. Other patients are scheduled individually for appointments in our clinic or are seen at the bedside.

Trainees participate in all phases of patient evaluation and consultation, including information gathering, assessment, scoring and interpretation, report writing and case-conferences, feedback and counseling.

Dr. Rothlind is the supervising psychologist for this training experience, and has been the Director of the Neuropsychology Program at the SFVAMC since May, 1995. Prior to joining our Service, he served on the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine (1992-1995), where he also provided training and supervision in the area of clinical neuropsychology. He is licensed as a Psychologist in California.

Contact information: Dr. Rothlind at Johannes.rothlind@va.gov

PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY CENTER (PRRC):

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Psychosocial Rehabilitation (12-16 hours per week). Jennifer Boyd, PhD, CPRP; Michael Drexler, PhD, CPRP

The Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC) program directed by Dr. Boyd provides services to veterans with severe mental illness (SMI) with GAF scores of 50 or less. Diagnoses include schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depression, psychosis NOS, severe PTSD, and similar conditions. The PRRC offers services based on a community college model, and students (patients) select from among skills-based classes (groups), those that would contribute to their individually chosen recovery goals. The PRRCs are new programs that have recently been mandated at VAs nationwide, and are charged with providing up to date evidence based services contributing to role recovery in SMI. The PRRC interdisciplinary team includes psychology, social work, occupational therapy, nursing, recreation therapy, peer support and health technicians, and trainees which may include psychiatry residents, psychology interns, and psychology externs and others.

Working with members of the interdisciplinary team, the extern will be involved at several levels of the program, co-leading skills oriented classes (groups), offering individual intervention, and engaging in recovery oriented assessment as needed. Weekly individual and possible group supervision is provided (depending on the number of trainees). Attendance at weekly clinical staff meetings and trainings, as well as the monthly Psychosocial Rehabilitation Brown Bag Seminar is expected. The extern may also have the opportunity to provide group psychosocial rehabilitation interventions in the Psychiatric Intensive Outpatient Program (PIOP) and in the Psychiatric Inpatient Care Unit under the supervision and guidance of the Local Recovery Coordinator (LRC), Dr. Drexler.

Externs are under the overall supervision of Dr. Jennifer Boyd, Director of the PRRC, and Dr. Michael Drexler, Local Psychosocial Recovery Coordinator for Severe Mental Illness.

Contact information: Dr. Drexler at Michael.drexler@va.gov

POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER CLINICAL TEAM (PCT)

The Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team (PCT) at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, offers 16 hour psychology practicum placements (externships). Trainees will gain experience with in depth assessment and individual and group psychotherapy for PTSD. Supervision is provided by Eunie Jung, Ph.D., Victoria Tichenor, Ph.D., Martha Schmitz, PhD and Angie Waldrop, PhD.

Supervision breakdown is as follows:

- One hour weekly with Ph.D. psychologist
- One hour weekly with postdoctoral psychology Trauma fellow
- One hour weekly group supervision of assessment with PCT staff, postdoctoral fellow, psychology interns and psychiatry residents
- One hour weekly didactic covering clinical issues, biology, theory, research and trainee case presentations
- One hour weekly group psychotherapy consultation with Ph.D. psychologist and postdoctoral fellow. Videotapes utilized.
- One half hour with co-therapist following group therapy meetings

PTSD Clinical Team Description

The Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team (PCT) specializes in the outpatient treatment of veterans who have PTSD related to combat, combat support/training, or sexual abuse in the course of active duty military service. Our PCT is one of the largest in the nation with regard to clinical activity. The majority of the population in PCT is male Vietnam veterans, with large representation of WWII veterans and increasing numbers of veterans from modern deployments (i.e., Afghanistan, Iraq War, Persian Gulf War, and peacekeeping operations). We also have an active program providing services for spouses and partners of veterans in the PTSD clinic. Women veterans are represented in all eras and are increasing in their requests for services from modern deployments. Military sexual trauma is a major emphasis of the clinic, serving both male and female veterans. Many of our veterans suffer from co-morbid disorders, depression and substance abuse being the most frequent. Issues regarding medical illness, chronic pain, postwar adjustment, and relationship stress are increasingly common. Our population is quite diverse, with multiple ethnicities (significant numbers of Filipino American veterans), ages, sexual orientations and levels of SES represented.

The PCT is dedicated to providing comprehensive outpatient treatment for veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder. Although we are in a densely populated urban location, our area of outreach covers eight counties in Northern California and extends nearly to the Oregon border. Because the veterans we treat suffer primarily from chronic PTSD, we believe they require sustained and prolonged treatment. The secondary psychosocial effects of PTSD often pose as much a therapeutic challenge as the primary symptoms of the disorder. Thus, we see it as vital that a multi-modal approach to treatment be employed. This approach includes a variety of treatment components provided by the PCT and a close collaboration with the excellent clinical resources within our Medical Center's Mental Health Service. The objectives of the treatment interventions are to reduce the intensity of symptoms and maximize social and vocational functioning. There is also an emphasis upon coordination of care with the other medical services in the Medical Center to optimize attention to physical problems. Veterans co-morbid for alcohol/substance abuse are referred for evaluation and treatment to the Substance Use PTSD Team (SUPT) or other specialized Substance Abuse treatment programs in the Mental Health Service. The PCT staff provides consultation to the various clinic services throughout the SFVAMC, Community Based Outpatient Clinics, the Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers in the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as to agencies and private clinical practitioners in the community at large. \

The PCT is organized to provide five stages of treatment to veterans with PTSD: 1) evaluation, 2) stabilization, 3) exposure/uncovering, 4) integration and relapse prevention and 5) maintenance. Evaluations are coordinated by the postdoctoral trauma fellow and conducted by all members of the PCT staff and professionals in training with the PCT. The Director of the PCT supervises the day to day clinical activities of the PCT. The postdoctoral fellow is responsible for leading the weekly meeting in which intake assessments are distributed, the process of evaluation is discussed and treatment plans are determined. The director of the program, all psychology staff and all trainees with the PCT attend this meeting. Stabilization treatment is particularly important for our newly returning and MST veterans. We have recently added two staff positions to develop further programming for these veterans. For the stabilization stage of treatment, the main focus is upon biological, social, cognitive and educational strategies with rapid referrals for medication evaluation, couples, structured groups and brief individual treatments. Prolonged exposure and uncovering treatment is conducted individually and in groups. Psychology staff on PCT has particular expertise with exposure based models and other evidence based treatments for PTSD (e.g., Cognitive Processing Therapy). Integration and relapse prevention are accomplished primarily through group treatment, with several of our groups in PCT running long term. Medication management is also a long term strategy for many veterans in the clinic. Because of the chronicity of PTSD, many veterans participate in less intensive maintenance treatments, again with group and psychopharmacological interventions predominating.

Treatment Modalities

Group Therapy: Short and long term groups are available to provide treatment interventions at each stage of treatment. The groups include: 1) PTSD education group (ongoing) provides information about PTSD and its consequences and serves the function of both stabilization and maintenance treatments, 2) trauma focus groups (6 to 12 months) – exposure/uncovering therapy in a group context, 3) integration and relapse prevention groups (1 to 2 years) draw from the experience of the trauma focus work and examine it in the context of present day coping style and skills. The objective is to solidify gains in symptom reduction from exposure/uncovering treatment and

emphasize optimal psychosocial functioning, 4) maintenance groups (duration indefinite) provide support, structure and reinforcement of skills learned in prior stages of treatment and to deal with inevitable symptom exacerbation, 5) stabilization groups (brief) We currently have a Modern Deployment Psychotherapy Group and will be adding a second group in the next few months. This group is comprised mainly of returnees from the Iraq War and focuses on weekly themes related to adjustment (e.g., relationships, employment reintegration, emotional regulation) This group also contains a psychoeducational component, 6) structured groups such as DBT and Seeking Safety (3 months), 7) MST groups for men and women (12-14 weeks), 8) partners group (12-14 weeks) which provides education, support and insight to partners of veterans with PTSD

Individual Therapy: The PCT provides individual therapy when indicated. Individual therapy may be provided: 1) to stabilize a patient in crisis, 2) to provide psychoeducation and assistance with adjustment for newly returning veterans, 3) to provide exposure, behavioral therapy or focal dynamic treatment, 4) to provide adjunctive therapy to group work when the task of the group does not fit with specific issues of a patient 5) to address acute symptom exacerbation for ongoing patients and 6) to prepare a patient for group treatment.

Family Therapy: In PCT, most conjoint therapy is couples. Couples treatment is offered throughout all stages of treatment in the clinic.

Psychopharmacology Clinic: The PCT has a specialized Pharmacology Clinic staffed by all of the PCT psychiatrists. Patients are referred to the Pharmacology clinic by clinicians in the PCT and from clinicians in the community, such as the Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers. The clinic provides a review of medical status and often serves as a primary referring source to other medical clinics in the Medical Center. The Pharmacology Clinic is available to veterans in the PCT during any stage of the treatment process. Duration of treatment is determined by the presenting symptoms. Case management based maintenance treatment is often a component of long term medication treatment.

Contact information: Dr. Jung at yoongjung2@va.gov

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS – Opioid Replacement Treatment Clinic (ORT) & Substance Abuse/PTSD Clinic (SUPT)

The Substance Abuse Programs (SAP) in the Mental Health Service is comprised of several programs combined to address the individual and diverse treatment needs of veterans with substance use disorders. Externs will work in both the Opioid Replacement Treatment Clinic (ORT) and the Substance Abuse/PTSD Clinic (SUPT). This will allow the extern to gain in-depth experience treating these co-morbid conditions commonly encountered in both veteran and non-veteran populations, which often lead to substantial problems in functioning.

The ORT Clinic is an outpatient substance abuse treatment program for opioid dependent patients, offering both psychosocial rehabilitation and medication-assisted treatments for addiction. The majority of ORT patients also have co-occurring psychiatric and medical disorders, as well as polysubstance abuse/dependence issues (e.g., stimulants, alcohol, benzodiazepines, nicotine). ORT functions as a multidisciplinary hospital team that includes a psychologist, a psychiatrist, nurses, addiction therapists, two psychology postdoctoral fellows, interns, psychiatry residents, and pharmacy staff.

The SUPT Team is one of only seven specialized programs in the VA system dedicated to treatment of veterans with co-occurring PTSD and SUD who served in combat. The team consists of a psychiatrist, psychologist, two social workers, an addictions therapist, postdoctoral psychology fellows, predoctoral interns, externs, and psychiatry residents.

This externship will provide graduate students in clinical psychology an opportunity to increase understanding of substance use disorders and posttraumatic stress disorders and develop a solid foundation in effective treatment strategies for these conditions. Clinical opportunities include co-facilitation of psychotherapy groups (process-oriented and skills-based), individual psychotherapy cases (both long-term and short-term problem-focused), and psychodiagnostic assessments/treatment planning.

In ORT, the extern will have the unique opportunity to plan, develop, and implement a psychotherapy group of choice with the substance abuse postdoctoral fellow. Examples of such are DBT groups, Seeking Safety groups, Interpersonal Psychotherapy groups, Alcohol Recovery, Social Skills groups, Anger Management, and others. Externs will also complete at least one full psychological assessment battery, write a comprehensive integrated report, and present the findings to the team. On SUPT, The trainee will learn to provide exposure-based treatments, systems informed, cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic therapies, and increase understanding of the neurobiological underpinnings of substance dependence and psychopharmacology.

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Weekly individual supervision will be provided by Kellie Rollins, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist, Clinical Supervisor for ORT Clinic, Director of Clinical Training and Sam Wan, PhD, SUPT Staff Psychologist. Group supervision with the postdoctoral fellows and consultation with David Kan, MD, Staff Psychiatrist and Clinical Team Leader of ORT, and John Straznickas, MD, Team Leader of SUPT will also be provided. Externs will be fully integrated into the ORT and SUPT Teams and participate in Clinical Team Meetings and didactics.

In addition, externs will attend the advanced Faculty Substance Abuse Seminar chaired by Joan Zweben, Ph.D., a nationally recognized leader in the substance abuse field, and Peter Banyas, MD, Chief of SFVAMC Substance Abuse Programs. The weekly substance abuse lecture series for UCSF psychiatry residents is also open to psychology externs and meets the criteria for licensure requirements.

Externship is 16-20 hours preferably on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday morning.

Contact information: Dr. Rollins at kellie.rollins2@va.gov

Deadline: **February 15, 2010**

San Francisco VA Medical Center
Psychology Externship Training Program
Please copy and paste application into Word and type

Please rank order those areas of training to which you are applying:

- ___ Community Mental Health//Santa Rosa Clinic
- ___ Health Psychology
- ___ Mood Disorders Clinic
- ___ Neuropsychology
- ___ Psychosocial Rehab (PRRC)
- ___ PTSD Treatment (PCT)
- ___ Substance Abuse Treatment

Name: _____ **U.S. Citizen:** Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

BEST NUMBER TO REACH YOU ON PND: _____

Graduate School: _____ **Director of Training:** _____

Graduate program APA Approved: Yes No

Type of Program: Clinical Counseling **Type of degree:** Ph.D. Psy.D.

Describe status in graduate program, both current and anticipated as of July 1, 2010
(If unsure, provide approximate dates of completion)

Date of completion of course work for Ph.D.: _____

Date of completion of Qualifying Examinations: _____

Date of completion of Dissertation: _____

Application Checklist

Please make sure you include all parts mentioned below in one application packet.

- ___ Completion of this cover page and parts I, II, III, and IV
- ___ Curriculum Vitae
- ___ Three letters of recommendation sent to support your application.
Note: One of these must be from the Director of Training or a professor at your graduate school indicating approval of your seeking placement at the SFVAMC and confirmation of your graduate student standing.
- ___ Official Graduate Transcript.
- ___ Either purchase package tracking or include a self-addressed, stamped postcard to confirm receipt of your application

Mail application materials to:

Makoto Horiuchi
Psychological Services
Mental Health Service
4150 Clement Street (116B)
San Francisco, CA 94121

I. Please describe your clinical experience (including clinical settings, patient or client population, duties in each setting, and approximate number of supervised clinical hours in each setting). Also indicate if you expect to obtain additional clinical experience between the time of your application and the beginning of the externship. Discuss the nature of your supervised experience.

II. Please describe your assessment experience (including the names of the psychological/psychometric tests you have administered/interpreted). Approximate the number of each test you have given and the nature of the supervised experience you have received. Also indicate if you expect to acquire more assessment experience before July.

III. Please discuss your interest in the emphasis area to which you are applying and the goals for the externship. Be specific regarding the types of clinical experiences you are seeking. Also, please describe how these goals fit within your overall plan for clinical training during graduate school (you may describe more than one emphasis area in this section).

IV. Agreement Regarding Representation of Training Experience

I, _____ (printed name) understand that I am applying a training experience with the Psychological Services/Mental Health Service, San Francisco VA Medical Center that is classified as an “Externship.” Should I be accepted, I agree to represent this training at all times as an “Externship,” and I agree not to represent it anywhere (whether verbally, on a CV, to a license agency, etc.) as an “Internship” or as part of an internship. While my graduate school may count this externship experience toward its internally defined criteria for satisfying “internship” requirements, I will make sure that it does not represent to anyone externally that I obtained part or all of an “internship” at the SFVAMC.

Signature

Date