



FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL INTERNSHIPS

This document is intended to provide a high-level overview of the exposure and experiences a Psychology Doctoral Intern could expect during an internship with the FBOP.

For a more thorough description of each site, please refer to the individual site brochures.



FBOP PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP SITES

	Population		Security Level			Size	
Site	Male	Female	Low*	Medium	High	Intern Class	Psychology Department
FCC Allenwood, PA	*		*	*	*	6	60
FCC Butner, NC	*		*	*	*	7	64
MCC Chicago, IL	*	*	*	*	*	4	11
FCI Danbury, CT	*	*	*			4	22
FMC Devens, MA	*		*	*	*	4	20
FCI Englewood, CO	*		*	*	*	4	14
FCC Florence, CO	*		*	*	*	3	40
FMC Fort Worth, TX	*		*	*	*	5	20
FMC Lexington, KY	*	*	*	*	*	5	23
MDC Los Angeles, CA	*	*	*	*	*	3	7
FCI Miami, FL	*		*			3	14
FCC Petersburg, VA	*		*	*		4	23
FDC Philadelphia, PA	*	*	*	*	*	4	8
FMC Rochester, MN	*	*	*	*	*	4	9
FCI Sheridan, OR	*		*	*	*	4	33
MCFP Springfield, MO	*		*	*	*	4	22
FCI Tallahassee, FL	*	*	*	*	*	4	10
FCI Terminal Island, CA^	*		*			4	17
FCC Terre Haute, IN	*		*	*	*	4	26
FCC Tucson, AZ	*	*	*	*	*	4	23
FCC Victorville, CA	*	*	*	*	*	3	28

Note: All internship sites provide the opportunity to work with older adults, ethnic minorities, Spanish-speaking, and LGBTQIA clients. *Please refer to the individual site brochures for more detailed information.

^This site location is not accepting applications for the coming year (2025-2026).



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PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS

The specific rotations offered at each internship site are detailed on the next page, and a description of each rotation can be found on pages 5-6. Please reference the brochures to learn more about how a specific site approaches rotations.

In addition to the specific rotations listed, interns will have a generalist training experience, and will gain exposure to many aspects of mental health care, including but not limited to assessment, individual therapy, group therapy, and the multidisciplinary approach to treatment.



FBOP PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP ROTATIONS

Site	BRAVE Program	Challenge Program	Correctional Psychology	Forensic Evaluation	Medical Unit	Serious Mental Illness	Sex Offender	Skills Program	Special Confinement	STAGES Program	SUD Treatment	Trauma Treatment
FCC Allenwood, PA		*	*			*					*	
FCC Butner, NC			*	*		*	*				*	
MCC Chicago, IL			*	*		*					*	
FCI Danbury, CT			*					*			*	*
FMC Devens, MA			*	*		*	*				*	
FCI Englewood, CO			*	*			*				*	*
FCC Florence, CO			*							*	*	*
FMC Fort Worth, TX			*	*		*					*	
FMC Lexington, KY			*	*		*					*	*
MDC Los Angeles, CA			*	*		*						
FCI Miami, FL			*								*	*
FCC Petersburg, VA			*				*				*	
FDC Philadelphia, PA			*			*					*	
FMC Rochester, MN			*	*	*	*					*	
FCI Sheridan, OR			*			*						*
MCFP Springfield, MO			*	*	*	*					*	
FCI Tallahassee, FL			*			*					*	*
FCI Terminal Island, CA			*		*	*					*	
FCC Terre Haute, IN			*						*	*	*	
FCC Tucson, AZ		*	*			*	*				*	
FCC Victorville, CA	*		*									*

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BRAVE Program	The Bureau Rehabilitation and Values Enhancement (BRAVE) Program is a cognitive behavioral, residential treatment program for young men serving their first federal sentence. Participation in this program starts at the beginning of the prison sentence. Programming is delivered within a modified therapeutic community environment and focuses on improving institutional adjustment, including maintaining prosocial conduct, relationships and attitudes. This rotation will provide exposure to group therapy, treatment planning, program coordination, and a treatment team approach to programming.
Challenge Program	The Challenge Program operates as a modified therapeutic community and is specifically designed for high security institutions. The program is delivered using a cognitive behavioral approach and encompasses substance abuse, violence prevention and mental health treatment. This evidence-based treatment program is designed to promote adaptive life skills to prepare individuals for transition to lower security prison settings, as well as to promote successful reentry into society at the conclusion of terms of incarceration. This rotation will focus on program administration, process and psychoeducational groups, and a treatment team approach to programming.
Correctional Psychology	The correctional psychology rotation focuses on providing mental health services to those with diverse criminal histories and a wide array of psychological concerns. Intern responsibilities on this rotation include psychological screening of incarcerated individuals, special housing unit mental health services, provision of individual and group psychotherapy, crisis counseling, and consultation with a multidisciplinary team. Interns may conduct psychological evaluations and administer psychological tests in support of educational programs and treatment needs.
Forensic Evaluation	This training experience will afford interns the opportunity for in-depth experience with forensic evaluation. Interns perform psychological evaluations which have been ordered by the Federal Courts to assess competency to stand trial, responsibility at the time of the offense, and other questions. Interns become involved in the entire evaluation process including psychological testing, clinical interviews, case conceptualization and report writing. On occasion, interns may have the opportunity to attend related trials and observe psychologists providing expert testimony. Additionally, some programs offer experience with competency restoration.
Medical Unit	Medically based rotations provide treatment to individuals who present with psychophysiological disorders, psychological factors affecting their physical conditions, and/or physical conditions which have psychological sequelae. The rotation focuses on providing group and individual treatment, assessment, and consultation on a multidisciplinary team.
Serious Mental Illness	Serious mental illness (SMI) rotations focus on treatment, assessment, case management, medication management, and documentation for incarcerated individuals with a broad spectrum of chronic and acute psychiatric illnesses. There is significant collaboration with multidisciplinary treatment teams in furtherance of the care and exposure to crisis intervention, including suicide risk assessments. Some locations also provide exposure to inpatient or residential mental health units and treatment.

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Sex Offender	Sex offender rotations provide outpatient treatment or treatment via a modified therapeutic community. Sex offender treatment utilizes cognitive behavioral and relapse prevention techniques to treat and manage sexual offenders. This rotation focuses on psychosexual and sex offender risk assessments, group treatment, development of correctional management plans, and program administration.
Skills Program	The Skills Program is a residential treatment program for incarcerated individuals with intellectual and social impairments. The program employs a multidisciplinary treatment approach aimed at teaching participants educational and social skills. The goal of the program is to increase academic achievement, adaptive behavior and improve overall functioning. This rotation focuses on program administration, multidisciplinary meetings, assessment, process and psychoeducation groups, and treatment planning.
Special Confinement	This rotation will provide interns with exposure to a variety of special and unique Bureau missions involving confinement in long-term administrative restrictive housing. Interns will have the opportunity to provide mental health treatment and services to those with specific communication management needs, those with disciplinary sanctions, and those awaiting capital punishment. This rotation focuses on multidisciplinary collaboration, treatment planning, and a variety of evidence-based mental health interventions.
STAGES Program	The Steps Toward Awareness, Growth, and Emotional Strength (STAGES) Program is residential treatment program for individuals diagnosed with borderline personality disorder and/or with a chronic history of self-directed violence. The program uses an integrative model that includes an emphasis on a modified therapeutic community, cognitive behavioral and dialectical behavioral therapies, and skills training. This rotation focuses on facilitating or co-facilitating skills training groups, providing individual therapy, and program administration and implementation.
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment	Substance use disorder treatment programs operate as outpatient or a modified therapeutic community; the community is the catalyst for change and focuses on the whole person with overall lifestyle change needs, not simply abstinence from drug use. The program encourages participants to examine their personal behavior to help them become more pro-social and to engage in honesty, responsibility, hard work, and willingness to learn. This rotation focuses on program administration, individual and group treatment, assessment, treatment planning, and a treatment team approach to programming. Some programs also include exposure to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
Trauma Treatment	The trauma treatment rotation typically involves participation in the Resolve Program. The Resolve Program uses a trauma-informed approach to address trauma related psychological disorders. This is a multi-stage program which includes groups such as Trauma in Life, Seeking Safety, cognitive processing therapy, and dialectical behavioral therapy. This rotation focuses on assessment, process and psychoeducation groups, and treatment planning.