

Guide to the Psychpracticum Wiki

Site address: <http://psychpracticum.fdu.edu/>

Looking for externships:

1. The best way to find externships listed on the wiki is to browse the Table of Contents (from a link on the main page or http://psychpracticum.fdu.edu/index.php/All_Sites) for sites that sound interesting to you. Once the externship list is distributed, it will often link you to an externship site's wiki page.
2. You can also use the search bar on the left side, but note that the search function is very specific, so this may work best for information that is not listed on every page. For example, the search function is useful for searching for externships in a certain borough, but searching for "assessment" will provide a list of all externships, assessment-focused or not, because the phrase "Assessment training experiences commonly offered" appears on every page.

There is also a useful tip for searching listed on the wiki front page: To search for specific activities, you can enter search terms such as *child* or *neuropsych* in the Search box at the left. However, it is recommended you search using Google or another search engine instead. For example, you can use this Google search to identify all pages that refer to children: `site:psychpracticum.fdu.edu child`.

What to look for on a site's wiki page:

Note: each externship site is responsible for updating its own wiki page, therefore they vary in thoroughness and accuracy of information provided.

In addition to considering your preferences and seeking out diverse training in a variety of settings over your training, be sure to look for information on the following pragmatic concerns.

1. Scheduling – listed under General Information
 - a. This area should inform you of required days and number of hours, as well as any other unique scheduling issues to consider for that site, such as night hours or 12-month commitments. Note that first-year students may only be at externship 16 hours per week, spread over two days.
2. Required level of readiness – listed under General Information
 - a. Sites vary in how specific they are about their requirements. However, if a site is particular about only taking students with experience or if they are open to being a student's first clinical experience, this would be a good place for them to list it.
3. Application process
 - a. Particularly note the contact person and preferred method of submission – some sites still prefer postal mail
4. Supervision
 - a. Note that you should receive at least 1 hour of individual supervision per week
5. Last update

- a. You will see a diversity of update dates, but more and more sites are updating the wiki regularly as it grows in popularity. Remember that sites often have a high turnover in externship directors and supervisors, and this is the information most likely to change from year to year. It is especially important to seek out more info if a site's wiki was updated more than one year ago.

Other useful wiki pages:

1. The externship guidelines (rules) are available on Angel but they are also linked from the wiki front page under "Externship Applications and Acceptances." Last year's guidelines are currently posted, but they will be updated after the annual meeting. This year will be the 2014-2015 externship guidelines, since applications are submitted in January.
2. Also under "Externship Applications and Acceptances," there is a link to anonymously report violations of the guidelines or other unfair treatment of students, including making an offer too early or asking for an early commitment, on the wiki front page.
3. Under "Externship Availability," there is a link to a page where sites can update their current acceptance status, number of positions available, and number of positions already filled. This part of the site will only be useful after the date when offers can be made, in March. However, this is a newer feature of the wiki and it is reasonable to expect that many sites will fill their positions before they are able to update this site.

Seeking out more information:

1. If an externship site's wiki page includes links to more sources of information, such as a brochure or website, be sure to look for any additional information you may need there. These resources often have richer information than a site has included on the wiki.
2. It is also wise to always do a quick Google search to look for any additional information you can find about a site.
3. Finally, you will be provided with a list of Ferkauf student's current and recent placements. Feel free to reach out to older students for information that you had trouble finding or for inside perspective on a site you are particularly interested in.