

# Navy Clinical Psychology



APA-Accredited Doctoral Internships





Inquiries regarding internship accreditation can be addressed to the American Psychological Association's Commission on Accreditation at the following address or phone number:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation

American Psychological Association

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Washington, D.C., 20002-4242

(202) 336-5979

### Important Dates:

APPI deadline: 9 Nov 2020

Navy commissioning application

deadline: 11 Dec 2020

Interviews:

San Diego: 1-3 Dec 2020

Bethesda: 8-10 Dec 2020

ODS: 25 July to 27 Aug 2021

Internship start dates:

San Diego: 7 Sep 2021

Bethesda: 30 Aug 2021

The Navy has two fully accredited pre-doctoral internships for clinical psychologists. These are located at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, and at Naval Medical Center San Diego, in San Diego, California. Both internships are dedicated to producing highly-qualified, resourceful, and autonomous professional psychologists who are prepared to function effectively in a variety of military settings. More information on both internships is available at the following website:

<https://tricare.mil/mtf/WalterReed/About-Us/Navy-Psychology-Training/Doctoral-Internships>



## General In-

1. The Navy's doctoral internships in clinical psychology are organized around a Practitioner-Scholar model, and provide an intensive, 12-month period of clinical, didactic, and leadership experiences.
2. Prior military experience is neither a requirement nor an expectation for applicants. Most applicants for the Navy internships have no prior military experience. You do not have to be in the military to apply, and there is no military service obligation unless you match with the internship through APPIC. There is no military obligation for applicants who do not match with a Navy internship.
3. Internship applicants who match with a Navy internship are commissioned as Lieutenants in the U.S. Navy's Medical Service Corps. They serve a minimum of four years on active duty, one year as a clinical psychology intern, and three years as a staff psychologist.
4. Navy internships give careful consideration to all available information about each applicant, and select interns on a competitive basis without regard to race, sex, religion, creed, color, national origin, or sexual orientation.
5. The two Navy internships are not a consortium. They are separately accredited by the APA, and they are listed separately on the APPIC website. Applicants may apply to one or both internships. Applicants who wish to be considered for both internships must apply to them separately on the APPIC website. Interns will attend the specific internship program with which they match (i.e., Bethesda or San Diego).

## Internship: Walter Reed Bethesda

1. Four major clinical rotations of varying lengths, including outpatient care, inpatient services, psychological assessment, and a health psychology/behavioral sleep medicine rotation.
2. Training also consists of several trans-rotational experiences including long-term psychodynamic therapy cases, empirically-supported trauma therapy cases, a Navy Leadership Seminar, diverse supervision, and extensive didactics.
3. Out of hospital training includes operational experiences aboard a Navy combat vessel, training with Marine Corps units in Quantico, Virginia, and visits to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and the United States Naval Academy.
4. Learning objectives are to prepare interns to function as broadly-trained clinical psychologists, and to equip interns with additional knowledge and skills needed to practice competently in the Navy.
5. Training Director: Dr. Richard Bergthold, Ph.D.  
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## Internship: Naval Medical Center San Diego

1. Major rotations include adult outpatient, a health psychology service, an inpatient & consultation/liaison rotation, and experience in operational mental health clinics at Naval Station San Diego and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.
2. Trans-rotational experiences include several long-term therapy cases for clients with PTSD or other complex mood, anxiety, or personality issues. Interns also benefit from extensive didactics and supervision experiences throughout the internship year.
3. Out-of-hospital training includes underway time aboard a Navy combat vessel, and training with Marine Corps units at Camp Pendleton. Interns can also witness Marine Corps recruit graduation ceremonies, participate in weapons training, and take advantage of other military events in the San Diego area.
4. Learning objectives include training psychologists for generalist practice in health service psychology, and providing the knowledge and skills necessary to practice effectively within the military.
5. Training Director: Dr. David Mather, Ph.D., ABPP.  
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Helpful links:

Navy Psychology Accessions Page (Internships):

<https://tricare.mil/mtf/WalterReed/About-Us/Navy-Psychology-Training/Doctoral-Internships>

Navy Recruiting Web Site:

<https://www.navy.com/careers/clinical-psychology>

Navy Psychology Recruiting Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/navypsychologyrecruitment/>

Officer Development School:

<https://www.public.navy.mil/netc/NSTC/otcn/ods.aspx>



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