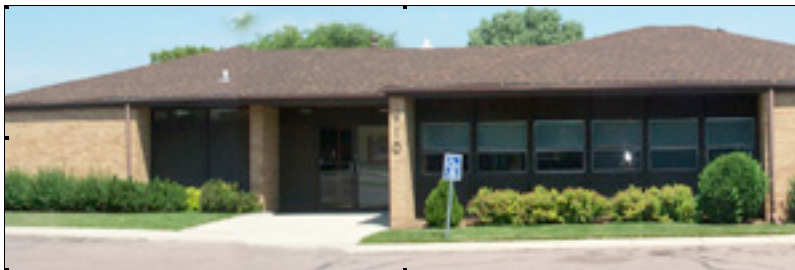


Dakota Counseling Institute

Pre-doctoral Psychology

Internship

APPIC Member



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Introduction

Dakota Counseling Institute is located in Mitchell, SD, which is approximately 65 miles west of Sioux Falls. DC Institute is a private, non-profit community mental health center providing mental health and chemical dependency treatment for the residents of Davison, Sanborn, Aurora, Hanson, and Brule counties in South Dakota. The catchment area is considered rural with approximately 33,000 residents living within 2966 square miles.

Abundant outdoor recreational activities are available within the surrounding area, including boating, fishing, golfing, and world renowned pheasant hunting. Mitchell is about 4 hours from Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Memorial, the Black Hills, and the Badlands. Major cultural events and national sporting venues are easily accessible with a 3-4 hour drive to Omaha, Nebraska, or the Twin Cities in Minneapolis. July is typically the warmest month and high temperatures average 85 degrees Fahrenheit. January is typically the coldest month and averages a high temperature of 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Spring and fall usually provide moderate temperatures.

Mitchell has a relatively low crime-rate, and reasonable cost of living. Mitchell is home to Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell Technical Institute, and Avera Queen of Peace Hospital.

Client Population

Dakota Counseling Institute serves clients from a variety of social and economic strata. The majority of individuals served are Medicaid or Medicare recipients, although a large portion of clients at Dakota Counseling Institute have private insurance or other funding. Unfunded clients with low-income may request that fees for service be modified based on their ability to pay.

Clients from all age ranges are served at Dakota Counseling Institute. Presenting problems addressed range from adjustment disorders and relational problems to severe and persistent mental illnesses. The majority of clients utilizing services are white, although Native Americans account for a large percentage of minority clients served. Hispanic, Asian, and African-American clients also utilize services at Dakota Counseling Institute.

Mission

The mission of Dakota Counseling Institute is to provide comprehensive mental health care to individuals who experience mental illness or behavioral disabilities. Dakota Counseling Institute is committed to service delivery that is responsive to individual differences and which represents professional standards of care. Dakota Counseling Institute will address the treatment of mental illness, and its individual and social effects, through traditional and outreach therapies, emergency services, and community education.

Commitment to Professional Training

The internship is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC), and maintains standards of training consistent with APPIC membership. Dakota Counseling Institute is committed to professional training in clinical and counseling psychology. Graduate students from an APA-Accredited clinical psychology doctoral program, and a doctoral-level counseling program have received practicum training at Dakota Counseling Institute for over 20 years.

Description of the Training Program

The primary goal of the psychology internship is to prepare doctoral candidates for the independent practice of professional psychology. Training experiences include intake assessment, and delivering psychotherapy in outpatient and residential settings to children, adolescents, and adults. Training in psychological assessments includes parental fitness evaluations, disability determination assessments, and internal and external referrals for diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations. Depending on psychology intern interests and skills, experiences may also be available in consulting with community agencies and professionals, and in emergency services, such as crisis evaluations and inpatient referrals.

The program seeks to assist interns in developing core competencies in each of the following areas:

1. Professional conduct, in ethical and legal matters.
2. Individual and cultural diversity.
3. Theories and methods of psychological diagnosis and assessment.
4. Theories and methods of effective psychotherapeutic intervention.
5. Scholarly inquiry and application of current scientific knowledge and practice.
6. Professional consultation.
7. Supervision.

Individual training needs and interests may lead to additional training goals, but we believe these core competencies will successfully prepare interns to begin their post-doctoral experiences.

Interns are scheduled 44 hours weekly. Interns participate in two hours of individual supervision and two hours of group supervision each week. All supervision is conducted with licensed psychologists. One hour of didactic training and research and one hour of clinical case staffings are conducted weekly. Interns are expected to provide 15-25 hours of direct client services each week, with assessment accounting for approximately 25% and therapy accounting for approximately 75% of direct services.

Professional Staff

There are approximately 80 employees at Dakota Counseling Institute. The clinical staff is composed of clinical psychologists, psychology residents, pre-doctoral psychology interns and practicum students, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, chemical dependency counselors, home-based therapists, emergency medical technicians, psychiatrists, a consulting psychiatric nurse practitioner, a registered nurse, and psychiatric residents. Case managers also provide important patient services for the severely and persistently mentally ill. Listed below are the staff involved in the internship program, their responsibilities, and where they earned their degrees.

Administrative Personnel:

Michelle Carpenter, B.S.
Executive Director, Dakota Counseling Institute
Dakota Wesleyan University

Roswitha Konz, M.A.
Clinical Director, Dakota Counseling Institute
Licensed Professional Counselor
Central Michigan University

Janae Oetken, B.A.
Clinical Supervisor, Stepping Stones
Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor-II
Dakota Wesleyan University

The Psychology Faculty:

Michael A. Stone, Psy.D.
Chief Psychologist – Director of Training, Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship
The Forest Institute of Professional Psychology

Dustin B. Tanner, Psy. D.
Intern Supervisor, Assistant Director of Training
Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship,
Argosy – Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, Twin Cities

Other professionals with meaningful contributions:

Brenda Davenport, RN, CNP
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
South Dakota State University

Christopher M. Davidson, M.D.
Psychiatrist
The University of South Dakota

John Erpenbach, RN, CNP
Certified Nurse Practitioner
The University of Texas, Arlington

Patsy Fox, Ed.D.
Licensed Professional Counselor-MH
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
The University of South Dakota

William C. Fuller, MD – Psychiatrist
The University of Nebraska

Kate Jorgensen, M.S.
Licensed Professional Counselor
South Dakota State University

Craig Kleinsasser, Ed.D.
Licensed Professional Counselor
The University of South Dakota

Kathy Lynch, Psy.D.
Licensed Psychologist
The Forest Institute of Professional Psychology

Kari Rickel, M.S.W.
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
The University of Nebraska – Omaha

Stipend

The internship is full-time (2000 hours in 12 months) and carries an annual stipend of \$22,000. Additional pay is provided for on-call work. The internship begins on the last Monday in August. Interns are provided 10 days personal leave and 11 paid holidays. If needed, liability insurance can also be provided. Health insurance is available at the intern's own expense.

Application Process

The internship will accept two psychology interns each year. Each applicant must be in good standing in an APA accredited Ph.D. or Psy.D. Clinical or Counseling doctoral program. Applicants should be admitted to doctoral candidacy. Additionally, all coursework must be completed, and applicants are required to have completed supervised doctoral practicum experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have proposed or defended their dissertation by the ranking deadline.

Interns selected for the internship must pass a background check, and forms for completing the check will be provided upon selection for the internship.

Interested Applicants should submit the following via the APPIC online application process. For instructions on how to apply go to APPIC's website < <http://www.appic.org/>>

- 1. APPIC Application for Psychology Internship, including the Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness signed by the Director of Training.**
- 2. Official transcripts of graduate work.**
- 3. Current vita**
- 4. Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's clinical and professional abilities.**

The Dakota Counseling Institute Internship will participate in the matching program conducted by National Matching Services, Inc. The Applicant Agreement Package for NMS is available at <http://www.natmatch.com/psychint>

This internship site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

Completed applications should be postmarked by November 15th. Applicants who will be invited for an interview will be notified by December 15. Applicants are encouraged to complete on-site interviews where they will interview with the psychology staff and have an opportunity to visit with current interns. Interviews will be scheduled throughout January.

Applicants should forward any questions they might have to the Training Director, Dr. Stone, via email at <mailto:m.stone@dakotacounseling.net>

Dakota Counseling Institute is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are encouraged. Dakota Counseling Institute is a drug-free workplace. (Revised: September 2009)