

WAC 246-924-053 Preinternship. A preinternship experience occurs between the practicum required by WAC 246-924-049 and internship required by WAC 246-924-056. A preinternship can include up to 1500 hours of supervised experience, but is not required. If preinternship experience is used to satisfy the experience requirement of WAC 246-924-043 (1)(c), it must meet the following requirements:

(1) Before beginning the program, the student, the doctoral program, and the preinternship program must agree on and document the goals, the student's expectations, and the methods of the preinternship experience. The goals must meet the requirements of this section.

(2) Every 20 hours of preinternship experience must include the following:

(a) At least 2 hours of regularly scheduled, formal, face-to-face individual supervision that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the student; and

(b) At least 2 hours of other learning activities such as case conferences, seminars on applied issues, conducting cotherapy with a staff person including discussion of the case, and group supervision.

(3) At least sixty percent of the preinternship experience must be direct client contact providing assessment and intervention services.

(4) The preinternship experience must be supervised by the person(s) responsible for the assigned casework.

(a) At least seventy-five percent of the supervision must be by a licensed psychologist with two years post-license experience.

(b) Up to twenty-five percent of the supervision may be completed by the following:

(i) A psychiatrist(s) with three years experience beyond residency;

(ii) A licensed mental health counselor(s) with five years post-license experience;

(iii) A licensed marriage and family therapist(s) with at least five years post-license experience;

(iv) A licensed advanced social worker(s) or licensed independent clinical social worker(s) with five years post-license experience; or

(v) A doctoral level psychologist(s) with three years post-doctoral experience who is exempt from licensure under RCW 18.83.200 (1), (2), (3) or (4), if the supervision occurs in the exempt setting.

(c) Supervision of the preinternship experience must include the following:

(i) Discussion of services provided by the student;

(ii) Selection of service plan for and review of each case or work unit of the student;

(iii) Discussion of and instruction in theoretical concepts underlying the work;

(iv) Discussion of the management of professional practice and other administrative or business issues;

(v) Evaluation of the supervisory process by the student and the supervisor;

(vi) Discussion of coordination of services among the professionals involved in the particular cases or work units;

(vii) Discussion of relevant state laws and rules;

(viii) Discussion of ethical principles including principles applicable to the work;

(ix) Review of standards for providers of psychological services; and

(x) Discussion of reading materials relevant to cases, ethical issues and the supervisory process.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.83.50 [18.83.050]. WSR 07-24-093, § 246-924-053, filed 12/5/07, effective 9/1/09.]