

ABOUT SCAPTP

The Southern California Association of Psychology Training Programs (SCAPTP) is an association of psychology graduate programs, internships, post-doctoral programs, and practicum programs. Our purpose is to promote excellence in psychology training at all levels, by providing opportunities to: 1) share concerns and problems in training, as well as useful training approaches and methods, 2) to adopt mutual procedures of benefit, 3) to support the development of training opportunities and programs for psychologists and their trainees, and 4) to give input as a group to other bodies whose actions affect psychology training, including the American Psychological Association, the Association of Psychology Post-doctoral and Internship Programs, the California Psychological Association, the California Board of Psychology, and the California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC).

SCAPTP was formed in 1996 as a voluntary association of representatives of Southern California psychology graduate programs in regionally accredited institutions, as well as psychology internships and post-doctoral programs meeting APPIC standards.

Member representatives of area programs meet on a regular schedule to support high quality training, share program information and training ideas, provide issue-specific support and promote mutual problem-solving. A restructuring of the practicum placement process and a uniform practicum selection date for member programs were early accomplishments of the Association.

Some of the first (and ongoing) topics for discussion have included interactions among graduate programs, practicum sites and internships; preparation of students for internship; training outcome goals and evaluation formats; handling problem students; and training students in diversity issues, empirically supported treatment methods, and psychological assessment.

Currently, SCAPTP also sponsors workshops for interns of members' programs (e.g., Revisions to the APA Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct, Rorschach and WISC-IV training), and for members (Supervision). Other SCAPTP activities include ex-

change of information regarding area training events; status of training programs; position openings; prospective and open training slots; state or national events that affect training or funding for training; and comments to other organizations (e.g., Board of Psychology, APA CoA) regarding training issues.

WHAT TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS ARE REPRESENTED IN SCAPTP?

Our members include those representing:

- Graduate programs which are regionally accredited
- Internship and post-doctoral programs which are APPIC members in good standing
- Practicum programs which meet SCAPTP's Criteria for Practicum Sites and abide by SCAPTP Policies for Uniform Practicum Notification Day
- Directors of Clinical Training from psychology academic training programs and universities

SCAPTP PRACTICUM SITE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. A psychology practicum program is an organized program which, in contrast to supervised experience or on-the-job training, is designed to provide the practicum student with a planned, programmed sequence of training experiences. The primary focus and purpose is assuring breadth and quality of training.

2. The practicum agency has a clearly designated doctoral level staff psychologist who is responsible for the integrity and quality of the training program, actively licensed (certified or registered) by the Board of Psychology in the jurisdiction where the program exists, and present at the training site for a minimum of 10 hours a week.

3. The practicum agency supervisory staff includes at least one doctoral level psychologist who serves as a primary supervisor. If approved by the student's graduate school, other primary supervisors may include staff or non-staff pre-licensed doctoral psychologists and licensed professionals of other disciplines, as assigned by the staff psychologist in charge of the practicum program. Staff supervisors will carry clinical responsibility for the cases being supervised. Each supervisor will be on site during all of the hours that his/her practicum students are also present (or another staff supervisor qualified as in this paragraph will be assigned as liaison supervisor for all of the time that the primary supervisor is not present).

4. At least 1 hour per week of regularly scheduled individual supervision (or one-half hour of regularly scheduled individual supervision plus one hour of group supervision) is provided by the supervisors specified in #3 for each 20 hours that the student is on site (twice the above level if 21

hours or more). Supervision is provided with the specific intent of dealing with the psychological services rendered directly by the student.

5. The practicum program provides training in a range of intervention activities and/or psychological assessment instruments that are employed in dealing directly with recipients of psychological services.

6. At least 25% of trainees' time is in face-to-face psychological services to patients/clients.

7. The practicum program must provide at least one hour per week in didactic activities such as case conferences, seminars, inservice training, or grand rounds for each 20 hours or less, and two hours if 21 hours or more).

8. Practicum training precedes the internship and the granting of the doctoral degree.

9. The practicum agency may have a minimum of one practicum student.

10. The practicum student has a title such as "psychology student" or "psychology trainee," which clearly indicates his/her trainee status and distinguishes him/her from psychology interns and trainees of other disciplines.

11. The practicum agency has a written statement or brochure that is made available to prospective students and their graduate programs that provides a clear description of the nature of the training program, including prerequisites for the program, the content activities of the training, and clear expectations for quantity and quality of the trainee's work.

12. Practicum programs have written due process procedures for students, which are given to students at the beginning of the training period and which include a description of performance evaluation, complaint, and appeal procedures.

13. The minimum length of the practicum experience is designated by the student's graduate program, although the practicum agency may also specify requirements for minimum hours per week and/or minimum number of weeks.

14. Practicum programs abide by the SCAPTP Policies for Practicum Notification Day, including the observation of **Uniform Practicum Notification Day on the second Monday of April, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

15. These practicum program criteria may be amended by a majority vote of those attending a regularly scheduled SCAPTP meeting, after a mailing to the entire SCAPTP mailing list of the proposed changes at least one month before the scheduled meeting.

(Practicum Site Membership Criteria as of 6/07)

Southern California Association of Psychology Training Programs

OUR MISSION:
The Southern
California
Association of
Psychology Training
Programs is
organized to
promote and
maintain high
standards of training
among member
programs and to act
on issues of mutual
interest.

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MEMBERS

Members are individuals who represent qualified programs in the Southern California region; the programs themselves are not members. Though voting privileges are reserved for individual representatives of programs meeting certain criteria, any persons interested in psychology training issues are welcome to attend meetings and join the SCAPTP e-mail list.

MEETINGS

General meetings are held at the discretion of the group, normally two to four times per year, at times and locations agreed upon by attendees.

DUES

Dues are set by a majority vote of member programs at a scheduled meeting, and are currently set at \$25 per member program, renewed approximately every two years when operational funds are needed. Dues subsidize training seminars and cover postage, listserve maintenance, and other such expenses.

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SCAPTP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Formal members of SCAPTP represent graduate, internship, postdoctoral, or practicum programs which meet SCAPTP criteria for membership. Graduate programs must be in regionally accredited institutions. Internships and postdoctoral programs must be APPLIC members. Practicum programs must meet SCAPTP criteria. Other individuals are welcome to participate in SCAPTP meetings and to receive e-mailings and surveys because of their interest in psychology training, but will not be formal members.)

Name: _____ Name of organization and training program: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

Type of training program: _____ Graduate school _____ Practicum Site _____ Predoctoral Internship _____ Postdoctoral Training Program _____ Other

QUALIFICATIONS:

_____ The graduate program I represent is in a regionally accredited institution.

_____ The internship program I represent is a member of APPLIC.

_____ The post-doctoral program I represent is a member of APPLIC.

_____ I do not represent a qualified training program, but I wish to participate in SCAPTP meetings and be on the SCAPTP E-mail list.

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