

WAC 246-924-057 Alternative internship. Any internship not accredited by APA, APPIC, or CPA under WAC 246-924-046 must meet WAC 246-924-056(1) as well as the following requirements:

(1) Organization of the internship program.

(a) The internship must have a written statement or brochure available for prospective interns that:

(i) Describes the goals and content of the internship;

(ii) States clear expectations and quality of student work; and

(iii) Designates the licensed psychologist responsible for the integrity and quality of the internship program.

(b) Interns must use titles indicating their training status.

(c) The internship must be designed to provide a planned sequence of training experiences focusing on breadth and quality of training. Supervision and training related to ethics must be ongoing.

(2) Content of the internship program.

(a) At least 25 percent of the internship experience must be in direct client contact providing assessment and intervention services. This can include conducting group cotherapy with a staff person and discussion of the cases with that staff person.

(b) An intern must receive 10 percent of hours in supervision, including:

(i) At least five percent of hours in regularly scheduled, formal, individual supervision that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the intern; and

(ii) Up to five percent may be a combination of individual and group supervision.

(c) At least five percent of the internship must be in other learning activities such as case conferences, seminars on applied issues, didactic trainings, and grand rounds or consultation with other licensed professionals.

(d) The additional 60 percent of internship hours can be a combination of subsection (2)(a) through (c) of this section.

(3) Supervision of the internship experience.

(a) The internship setting must have two or more licensed doctoral psychologists available as supervisors.

(b) The internship experience must be supervised by the person(s) responsible for the assigned casework and the supervisor(s) must have an unrestricted license at the time the supervision takes place.

(i) At least 75 percent of the supervision must be by a licensed psychologist.

(ii) Up to 25 percent of the supervision may be completed by the following:

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

(B) A licensed mental health counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed advanced social worker, or licensed independent clinical social worker, if the supervisor has five years post-license experience;

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

(D) A licensed psychologist with less than two years postlicense experience; or

(E) An individual in a postdoctoral experience in psychology, under the supervision of a psychologist appropriately credentialed for the jurisdiction.

(4) If telehealth is used as part of the alternative internship, then the standards in WAC 246-924-012 must be met.

(5) If telesupervision is used as part of the alternative internship, then the standards in WAC 246-924-051 must be met.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 18.83 RCW, RCW 18.83.050, 18.130.800, 2023 c 425, and 2024 c 371. WSR 25-15-068, s 246-924-057, filed 7/14/25, effective 8/14/25.]