



ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING CLINICS (APTC)

Report to the Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC)

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The Association of Psychology Training Clinics (APTC) represents approximately 215 psychology training clinics providing practicum/pre-internship training to clinical, counseling, and school psychology doctoral students. Participating clinics are university-based facilities that provide behavioral/mental health services to the community. In these clinics, licensed faculty and doctoral level psychologists supervise services provided by graduate students. APTC has approximately 215 current member clinics (4 Emeriti). APTC conducts an annual meeting, maintains an active listserv where training and clinic management issues are discussed, publishes an e-newsletter, and provides an organizational website (www.aptc.org) with many resources for clinic directors.

The Mission of APTC is to: (a) promote high standards of professional psychology training and practice in psychology training clinics; (b) facilitate exchange of information and resources among psychology training clinics that provide pre-doctoral practicum training in professional psychology; and (c) interface with related professional groups and organizations to further the goals of APTC, including influencing the establishment of standards and guidelines on service delivery and training of future psychologists. Our expanded global mission is to extend our membership to include international training clinics from around the world.

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- The 2025 Annual Conference will be held in Nashville, TN at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel March 20-22, 2025. The conference theme is “The Art and Science of Clinic Direction.”
- APTC members drafted a response letter to ASPPB’s plan for a license title and scope of practice for those trained in psychology Master’s programs. Overall, while APTC members see many benefits to creating a pathway to licensure for those trained in psychology Master’s programs (e.g., increasing the person-power of the mental health workforce, increasing diversity among mental health providers), concerns were raised about the use of the EPPP and EPPP-2 creating barriers to entry to the field, as well as the need for additional clarity in the definition of the scope of practice for Master’s level practitioners when it comes to assessment. APTC’s response can be viewed [here](#).
- Clinic Directors and Clinical Supervisors continue to have concerns about the content and implementation of the EPPP-2.
- APTC members have been working toward standardization and resource sharing around assessment training across training programs. For instance, clinic directors have been sharing their standard protocols for assessments across the lifespan for referral questions like ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder, and there is discussion about APTC’s Assessment Committee working toward compiling these protocols and creating recommendations for assessment training for various presenting concerns and/or populations.
- APTC is looking forward to coordinating a response for APA’s call for comments on “A competency framework for Master’s and Doctoral degree education and training in health service psychology.” The public comment period closes October 25, 2024.
- APTC continues to experience a large influx of new clinic directors, partially as a result of retirements and resignations during the pandemic.
- Member clinics are encouraged by improvements in communication with Pearson concerning their training partner program (TPP), which allowed training clinics to purchase materials for practicum training at a discounted rate. There are plans for this program to resume with more clear criteria; however, training clinics who were not already TPP members have not yet been able to access the TPP benefits. The entire community is grateful to A. Jordan Wright, clinic director at NYU, for his tireless efforts and advocacy on this topic.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Colleen Byrne, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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