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ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

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ABOUT GREYSTONE PARK PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

GPPH is a state inpatient hospital that is accredited by Joint Commission. GPPH is a facility rich in history that mirrors the history and development of psychiatry. In the 1870s, the New Jersey Legislature appropriated 2.5 million dollars to purchase 700 acres on which to build New Jersey’s second “lunatic asylum.” The New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum at Morristown opened its doors to 292 patients on August 17, 1876. By 1914, the hospital housed 2,412 patients. Thirty years later the hospital population grew to 7,000. With the introduction of thorazine and the emergence of the deinstitutionalization movement, the census drastically reduced. On August 12, 1982, the hospital expanded its facilities by opening 20 “independent living” cottages.

![Photo of original Main Building](image)

Today GPPH functions in a state-of-the-art building that opened in July, 2008. The hospital is comprised of 18 units, and provides inpatient psychiatric services to residents of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. Patients 18 years of age and older, from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, are provided mental health services designed to mitigate debilitating symptomatology, enhance their level of adaptive functioning by promoting wellness and recovery, and facilitate successful reintegration into the community.

**GREYSTONE’S MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**

**MISSION**
Greystone’s innovative team collaborates to provide quality patient-centered care, based on individual’s strengths, needs, abilities and preferences, to help patients reach their full potential.
We promote a culture of wellness and recovery that starts in the hospital and continues into the community.

**VISION**
Foster hope, practice wellness, live recovery.

GPPH celebrates cultural and religious diversity in both our patient and staff populations. We have approximately 54 countries represented in our facility, with more than 30 languages other than English spoken in the home. In addition, there are more than 18 religious affiliations recognized throughout the hospital.

**PATIENT UNITS**

In our new facility, we have two admissions units, one unit for dementia patients, one unit for severe personality disorders, one unit for patients dually diagnosed with both intellectual disabilities and mental illness, three units for geriatric and/or medically-compromised patients, one unit for deaf patients, five general units, four legal units, and ten transitional cottages.
Each unit has a multidisciplinary treatment team consisting of a psychiatrist, psychologist, nutritionist, charge nurse, social worker, rehabilitation clinician, direct care staff, co-occurring staff, and chaplaincy services.

Below is a diagram of two sister units. Each unit houses 26 patients and has a dining room, two socialization rooms, treatment team room, activity room, computer room, medical examination room, and two consultation rooms. Behind the sister units are staff offices, cubicles, and a conference room.

The admissions units (A1, B1) serve patients who were recently admitted from community hospitals, screening centers, and/or jails, and who continue to require inpatient psychiatric treatment beyond what community hospitals are able to provide. Some patients in the Admissions unit are transferred within the hospital for continued care, while others are discharged to the community. There are three treatment teams working on two admissions units.

The general units (D3, F3, G3, A3, B2) serve patients who have shown minimal response to treatment and require more time to reach recovery goals. Most of these patients require significant dependence upon staff for managing their daily routine and vary widely in terms of their symptom presentation.

Our legal units (D2, E2, F2, G2) house patients who have legal classifications such as Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, or have been given a special designation within the hospital system because of demonstrated violence. These patients have committed a wide variety of
offenses including petty theft, trespassing, simple or aggravated assault, arson, weapons possession, sexual assault, drug charges, and homicide, and they have equally varied clinical diagnoses.

Our **deaf unit** (A2) is the only state-funded psychiatric inpatient unit for deaf and hearing-impaired psychiatric patients in New Jersey. There are interpreters available for therapeutic communication as well as sign-language instructors.

The hospital also has a unit (B3) designated to serve vulnerable adults with **developmental disabilities** who present with psychiatric and mental health support needs. The physical space of the unit, as well as the group and individual therapeutic activities provided have been adapted to better fit the special learning and support needs of our population. The treatment team approach is a trans-disciplinary one, with collaboration of professionals and paraprofessionals from the various disciplines of Nursing, Medicine, Psychiatry, Rehabilitation, Psychology and Social Services, as well as partnerships with community agencies serving these patients. The unit also has Behavioral Support Technicians, who work under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, to facilitate staff training in applications of learning theory to the needs of our adult patients, to complete functional assessments, and to provide group/individual programming directly to patients. The overall approach to facilitating Recovery emphasizes the use of positive behavioral supports embedded in a multifaceted therapeutic milieu with the singular purpose of quickly re-stabilizing the individual so s/he may safely return to living in the community.

GPPH began admitting **geriatric and dementia patients** (D1, E1, F1, G1) in 2011. Three of our units have been redesigned to meet the physical and psychiatric needs of the geriatric psychiatric population, including changes to programming type and length, eating times, and environmental cues. One of the units focuses on patients with a dementia diagnoses.

Additionally, the hospital has a unit dedicated to serving patients with **severe personality disorders** (E3). The focus of the unit is on intensive evidence-based psychotherapy using a mixed model treatment approach that includes schema therapy and dialectical behavioral therapy skills along with social-cognitive training.

**Mountain Meadow** is an area of the hospital that closely resembles semi-independent living. Patients live in self-contained “cottages” of eight to twelve patients where they practice skills necessary for living semi independently or independently in the community. They have full grounds privileges, attend programs on and off grounds, do their own cooking and cleaning, and focus particularly on acquiring vocational skills.
CENTRALIZED PROGRAMMING

In addition to the on-unit treatment areas, GPPH offers therapeutic programming in our treatment mall, also called the J-Wing. Twice per week, patients migrate from their units to the J-Wing by treatment area to attend groups in centralized rooms. Patients are offered a wide variety of programs including music therapy, art therapy, occupational therapy, educational programs, horticulture classes, and therapeutic groups lead by psychology, psychiatry, social work, chaplaincy, co-occurring, and rehabilitation departments. In an effort to increase success at independent community re-integration, GPPH also offers patients the opportunity to build vocational and employment skills in the Creative Employment Center.

Music Studio in J-Wing

TRAINING PHILOSOPHY, MODEL AND GOAL

The GPPH faculty aim to create a supportive, educational environment that provides progressive clinical exposure within a framework of collaborative supervision that simultaneously encourages self-awareness and critical independent thought in order to facilitate growing competence. We believe this is best achieved through the deliberate application of empirical and theoretical knowledge into clinical practice. Regardless of a supervisor’s theoretical orientation, the faculty is committed to providing interns with supervisory space that facilitates creativity, reflection, and open communication of thoughts and feelings.

The GPPH internship program is designed in accordance with the “local clinical scientist” (LCS) training model defined by Stricker & Trierweiler (1995). The LCS model stresses that clinical practice in local settings be guided by applied scientific activity, including openness to an array of appropriate interventions, empirically informed choices, awareness of ethical implications and personal biases, and collegial interactions (Stricker & Trierweiler, 1995). GPPH promotes the inclusion of this scientific frame into the individual clinical treatment of our patients with serious mental illness in order to produce effective, competent generalist adult practitioners. The severity and types of pathology presented in our hospital population often make it difficult to directly employ
evidence-based practices. Therefore, in keeping with the LCS model, we strive to provide patients with evidence-informed practices that adapt theory and research to benefit and serve our patients locally. Consistent with our hospital’s mission, interns work with their supervisors to apply scientific knowledge to create a person-centered approach that flexibly modifies evidence-based treatment and assessment strategies to best meet the needs of the individual patient in order to promote recovery. Furthermore, in collaboration with their supervisors, interns are required to gather observational data to evaluate the effectiveness of therapeutic interventions, provide thorough and thoughtful clinical recommendations based on assessment data and supporting literature, and serve as effective consultants to multidisciplinary treatment teams.

Interns are expected to further the development of their own cultural competence across all domains of practice and to work with an underserved and diverse patient population in our culturally rich environment. To that end, interns are expected to work with patients of all levels of functioning from diverse cultural, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Additionally, interns will have exposure to working collaboratively with healthcare professionals from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds in a collective effort to further patients in the recovery process.

The goal of the GPPH pre-doctoral internship is to produce generalist adult psychology practitioners who are competent to work in a multidisciplinary setting. As each individual intern’s functional and foundational skills allow, interns are provided the opportunity to act with increasing autonomy and are assigned progressively more challenging clinical cases. Additionally, interns are encouraged to develop their own identity as a psychologist as they work in partnership with supervisors to evaluate the effectiveness of empirically supported interventions. Over the course of the training year, there will be a gradual shift in the amount of autonomy afforded to the intern from rotation to rotation, with measured changes in the amount of direct observation utilized depending on each individual intern’s demonstrated skill.

Specifically, interns will participate in interdisciplinary treatment team meetings and are expected to take an increasingly active role as a team member guided by their supervisor and dependent upon their individual clinical skill level. Interns will begin their training experience by directly observing their supervisors in their role as unit psychologists. Interns will then have the opportunity to demonstrate their acquired skills as they gain exposure to different units and teams in the second and third rotations. As interns progress to the third rotation, it is hoped that they are both refining and learning advanced functional and foundational competencies in preparation for entry level practice. Likewise, interns will begin the year by co-leading group therapy with a supervisor and as their clinical skills solidify, interns will be expected to co-lead groups with peers, independently lead groups, and develop new psychotherapy groups designed to meet the needs of our patients locally. Throughout the training year, supervisors will provide supportive and constructive feedback in order to promote optimal growth, both personally and professionally. In addition to the supervisory experience, clinical training is also supplemented by didactic instruction, which serves to further facilitate the intern’s internalization of “psychologist” as his/her professional identity.
COMPONENTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM

STRUCTURE OF THE TRAINING YEAR
Interns are assigned to three 4-month rotations. Each year, interns are asked to rank order four rotations that interest them, dependent on supervisor availability and specified intern training goals. Every effort is made to accommodate each intern’s training/rotation wishes.

As a member of the multidisciplinary treatment team, the intern will assist in designing and recording individual treatment plans, lead treatment team meetings, select patients for conducting individual therapy, lead Life Management (therapeutic community) meetings and small group therapy sessions, and act as consultants after psychological assessment and during safety-management planning. Interns are also afforded the unique experience of working with team members and patients from varied ethnic backgrounds, and they are encouraged to actively incorporate culturally sensitive interventions into treatment planning and professional interactions with colleagues, thereby enhancing the richness of the training year.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment training is considered a core component of our internship program. Interns meet with their assessment/testing supervisor approximately one and a half hours per week and are expected to complete 18 assessments throughout the internship year. Interns will be assigned to a testing supervisor on a rotational basis. The assessment supervisor will observe the intern administer a full battery during the first rotation and incorporate assessment growth areas into the comprehensive training plan.

In addition to being taught how to select appropriate tests to answer referral questions, interns learn to use the diagnostic categories of the DSM-5, develop clinical interviewing skills, and make specific, viable treatment recommendations. Every effort is made to provide interns with exposure to a wide range of patients with varying diagnoses and treatment issues. Referrals are generated throughout the hospital and may include: clarifying diagnosis, identifying intellectual functioning, illuminating personality dynamics, evaluating neurological conditions, and assessing risk to self and others. Additional training and exposure to other assessment tools can be obtained at didactic seminars.

During the year, interns gain or enhance competence in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of objective and projective measures of personality and symptom severity (e.g. MMPI-2-RF, MCMI-III, PAI, NEO-PI-3, SCL-90, Beck Inventories, Rorschach, TAT), structured and semi-structured clinical interviewing techniques (e.g. SCID I & II, PANSS, IPDE), traditional methods of assessing intelligence (e.g., WAIS-IV, SB-5, WASI-II) as well as nonverbal measures (TONI-IV, CTONI-2, SIT-R3), adaptive behavior (Vineland-II, ABAS-II, TFLS), neuropsychological screening (e.g., RBANS, Cognistat, WMS-IV), risk of harm to self or others (C-SSRS, Firestone Inventories, V-Risk 10), and risk assessment measures (e.g., VRAG, SORAG, PCL-R, HCR-20). Interns
are expected to present assessment findings to both the referred patient and the referring treatment team in order to promote the patient’s recovery.

**PSYCHOTHERAPY**

The psychotherapy experience focuses on two major forms of treatment: individual psychotherapy and group therapy. Each intern is expected to carry a caseload of approximately 3-5 individual patients, one of which will serve as a year-long therapy case. The size of the caseload varies depending upon the strengths of the intern, the demand of each case, and the time constraints based on the remainder of the training plan. Cases are assigned and approved by the psychologist on the unit to which the intern is assigned. The range and type of pathology that interns are exposed to at GPPH is intentionally broad, offering them exceptional diversity that is difficult to match in other settings. Cases chosen can range from patients diagnosed with acute and chronic schizophrenia and affective disorders to severe personality disorders, traumatic disorders, and addiction issues.

Individual psychotherapy supervision is provided for a minimum of one hour each week. The supervisors at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital have theoretical orientations that vary from Psychoanalytic and Psychodynamic to Cognitive/Cognitive-Behavioral, Schema Therapy, and Integrative approaches.

Interns are initially assigned to co-lead group therapy 2-3 times per week with their unit psychologist. These groups may be topic focused such as Anger Management or DBT Skills, or more process oriented and interpersonal in their emphasis. Beginning in the second rotation, interns develop and conduct their own therapy group to meet the specific needs of our patient population. There are opportunities for group therapy on both the intern’s assigned unit and in the hospital’s therapeutic program mall (J-Wing). The J-Wing offers group therapy to all patients in the hospital, thereby presenting a unique training option for interns to work therapeutically with patients that are not housed on their assigned unit. Supervision for group therapy is provided weekly by the psychotherapy supervisor.
MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM CONSULTATION

The philosophy at GPPH for providing therapeutic services is that the most effective and efficient treatment can be delivered through a multi-disciplinary team approach. As part of its experiential base, the internship includes exposure to this approach by assigning each intern to a specific unit wherein they become members of that unit’s treatment team. The intern’s role is to function as a participant-observer by offering observations, clinical ideas, and possible treatment strategies to team members, while simultaneously observing how each clinical discipline collaborates to develop an individualized comprehensive treatment plan. In addition, interns gain experience as consultants to treatment teams they are not assigned to when they provide assessment feedback and recommendations.

SUPERVISION

The hospital’s psychology department is comprised of 24 psychologists, 21 of whom are doctoral level with 19 of those having licenses to practice psychology, and 15 participating on internship faculty. Supervisors represent varying theoretical orientations and provide diversity in supervisory styles and professional role models.

During each rotation interns are assigned to one supervisor for psychotherapy and another supervisor for assessment. All supervisors are required to be licensed psychologists. In addition, the interns meet weekly in group format with the Acting Director of Psychological Services to discuss cases and expand theoretical knowledge, critical thinking, and reflective practice. Interns also
meet weekly in a group format to discuss assessment measures.

The licensed supervisors at GPPH vary in their theoretical orientations and areas of interest. The department has staff with post-doctoral training in psychoanalytically oriented psychotherapy, certification in schema therapy and substance abuse, experience in developing token economy programs, multi-family support groups, cognitive therapy for psychosis, and program development for the hearing impaired. The supervisory staff has published a variety of articles over the years and have presented at major conferences in and out of the state. In addition, non-licensed staff provide didactic instruction if they have substantiated expertise in a particular area.

In addition to the supervision that interns receive from faculty, interns also have the opportunity to provide mentoring supervision to doctoral-level externs. Interns will discuss supervision theory and research before being assigned an extern to supervise. Interns also participate in group supervision of their mentoring supervision in order to fully prepare them for independent practice.

**Diversity Task Force**

The GPPH Internship faculty has founded and leads the multidisciplinary Diversity Task Force designed to raise awareness and facilitate education about issues of diversity at GPPH. Diversity includes differences in religion, moral beliefs, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, and race and ethnicity. The Diversity Task Force works to promote a culture of inclusion in the workplace by encouraging individuals to accept others who differ from themselves and by acknowledging that their unique life experiences can contribute to our understanding of the world. The Diversity Task Force regularly authors articles about diversity issues and hosts hospital-wide events, and interns will be actively involved in this process.
**OUTPATIENT ROTATION**

GPPH has partnered with Atlantic Healthcare Systems to offer interns a one day per week outpatient rotation at nearby Morristown Medical Center (MMC). Interns will have an opportunity to gain experience in MMC’s Behavioral Medicine department, which includes the following: 1) learning Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia, conducting psychological evaluation for CBT-I, and co-facilitating CBT-I with patients 2) observing, co-facilitating and then facilitating bariatric psychological evaluations for surgery 3) participating in ongoing research projects regarding bariatric patients as well as collaboration with medical research projects 4) exposure to delirium prevention program 5) observing ECT 6) grand rounds with department of psychiatry once a month  7) exposure to inpatient consult liaison services for patients who need psychiatric services from medical floor, and 8) observation/facilitation of groups in Mental Health and Substance Abuse IOP (observe, co-facilitate and facilitate groups). In addition, interns and supervisors from both GPPH and MMC meet quarterly to discuss training needs and supervisory experiences.

**DIDACTIC EXPERIENCES**

The GPPH Internship program offers a variety of educational experiences including webinars, live lectures and didactics, and taped presentations. The specific topics selected are decided upon through expressed interest and supervisory expertise. Past topics have included Trauma-Informed Care, Multicultural Issues in Treatment, LGBT Issues in Psychotherapy, Private Practice, MMPI-2-RF, and Forensic Assessment Measures. In addition, the interns participate in a year-long didactic series on ethics with training faculty.

**ASSESSMENT SEMINAR**

The assessment seminar meets weekly and aims to further the intern’s understanding of assessment procedures and increase exposure to a variety of assessment measures. Throughout the year, interns will be exposed to a wide range of assessment measures utilized to answer the referral questions common to an inpatient setting and present at least three assessment cases throughout the year. Seminar topics will include accessing assessment records, responding to referral questions, selecting assessment measures, recovery-oriented report writing, meaningful recommendations from assessments, reporting findings to patients and multidisciplinary teams, and assessment and culture.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

Interns participate weekly in a Professional Development Seminar with the purpose of providing a forum for active and open discussion of scholarly readings and case material, and to facilitate reflection of intern’s professional growth during the course of the year. Throughout the year, interns will present a minimum of three therapy cases with varying focus on mental
status/differential diagnosis, and application of theory into clinical practice. Interns are exposed to literature for critical discussion in areas such as: CBT for psychosis, mentalization, DSM-5, phenomenological experience of and classic writings on serious mental illness, psychotherapy process and outcome research, and psychotherapy supervision. Interns are also welcome to suggest topics for reading and discussion.

**END OF THE YEAR PROJECT**

In order for interns to develop an understanding of the operational and administrative aspects of working within a large hospital system and the role of psychologists as consultants, interns are required to work collaboratively with each other to develop a Performance Improvement project designed to evaluate and improve a program within the hospital’s organizational system, in either clinical or administrative branches. Interns present their project to the training faculty at the end of the year.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

Several supervisory psychology staff members have been involved in past research projects including the re-norming of the WASI, the evaluation of the efficacy of risk assessments, and the adaptation of evidence-based practice to meet the needs of the SMI population. Interns will be given the opportunity to contribute to one of these ongoing research projects if available.

While it is preferable for interns to have completed their dissertation before beginning internship, the faculty recognizes the importance of completing this milestone and are willing to offer interns the opportunity to utilize the time designated for research to complete their dissertation. Interns will be expected to demonstrate continued progress toward the completion of their dissertation to the Acting Director of Psychological Services.
PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP FACULTY

Dr. Rana M. De Gil is a licensed clinical psychologist with over 15 years of experience working with individuals aged 16 and over, in both group and individual therapy, who are experiencing a range of issues. She is a licensed psychologist in both New York and New Jersey and has been qualified as an expert in the fields of both Clinical and Forensic Psychology by the New York Supreme Court and the United States Department of Justice. Dr. De Gil completed her doctoral internship at the Manhattan Psychiatric Center and graduated with honors from the California School of Professional Psychology – Fresno where she majored in Clinical, and minored in Forensic, Psychology. She earned her Master’s degree in Clinical/Forensic psychology from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. Dr. De Gil has also conducted private clinical and forensic evaluations since 2006 and has extensive experience working with the legal system and testifying in forensic-psychology matters. She has conducted over nine years of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) groups and has treated individuals who have suffered trauma as well as anxiety, mood, and personality disorders. She also has experience helping people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), women’s issues, self-esteem issues, and relational difficulties. Dr. DeGil currently co-coordinates the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Psychology Externship Program.

Dr. Gary Dushkin received his Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from the School of Psychology at Florida Tech. He completed his predoctoral internship at Rutgers Medical School. Prior to coming to Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, he worked for many years at Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital. His specialization in working with the geropsychiatric population there continues in his work at GPPH. His interests are in neurocognitive screening for dementia and providing appropriate therapeutic services to this population. Dr. Dushkin is licensed in New Jersey and maintains a private practice providing psychotherapy to children and families, adolescents, adults and couples. He is a former consultant to various area nursing homes.

Dr. Paresh Kasabwala earned his Psy.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles. His work is guided by evidence-based methods and interventions of cognitive behavior therapy and dialectical behavior therapy. He has worked with a diverse clientele varying in age groups, ethnic, cultural and sexual orientations in inpatient, college counseling, community mental health, and child care settings. Dr. Kasabwala is currently a psychologist for co-ed cottages at GPPH.

Dr. Michael Keren is a 1991 graduate of Yeshiva University’s Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology. He completed his internship in Clinical/Community Psychology at the UMDNJ (Now Rutgers Univ.) Community Mental Health Center. He has had post-doctoral training in both Psychoanalysis for the Institute for the Psychoanalytic Study of Subjectivity; Family and couple’s therapy from the UMDNJ Family Therapy Training Program; and Divorce Mediation from the Seton Hall University program in Divorce Mediation. He has had a variety experiences from inpatient, day treatment, and community mental health outpatient treatment. Prior to joining the staff at GPPH Michael worked for 5 years at the Special Treatment Unit, NJ’s facility for the civil commitment of sexually violent predators. He has published and presented on topics in the treatment of gay and
lesbian individuals and couples. He has also been on the faculty of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at Rutgers, the State University, where he provided psychodynamic supervision to students and taught projective assessment.

**Dr. Thomas Kot** obtained his Ph.D. in combined clinical and school psychology from Hofstra University. He receiving training at the BioBehavioral Institute in New York, a world renowned clinic that specializes in the treatment and research of anxiety spectrum disorders. He also worked at the Psychological Evaluation and Research Center (PERC) at Hofstra University where he conducted behavioral therapy and performed comprehensive psychological and psycho-educational assessments for learning disabilities and various other disorders. Dr. Kot has experience working with the developmentally disabled adults and children diagnosed with behavioral disorders. Dr. Kot has been involved in various research projects throughout his career, has presented papers at national and international conferences, and has been published in peer reviewed journals. Dr. Kot is an assessment supervisor whose theoretical orientation is cognitive behavioral. In addition to his work at GPPH, Dr. Kot has a private practice.

**Dr. Marc Lipkus** earned his Psy.D. in clinical psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. Also, he has a certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy from the Institute for Mental Health Education. Dr. Lipkus is a licensed psychologist who began his career working with troubled adolescents in the Bergen County Youth Counseling Program. Over the course of his career, Dr. Lipkus has worked for various agencies including the FDU Counseling Center, several large practice groups, and his own practice. Dr. Lipkus has worked in various units throughout GPPH including the Admissions unit for over a decade. His theoretical orientation borrows from several theories including psychoanalytic, ego psychology, and cognitive behavioral. His favorite theorists include Heinz Kohut, Harry Stack Sullivan, and Carl Rogers. His supervision style is process oriented and focuses on how the therapist understands the patient’s communications and dynamics as the pathway to create useful and evidenced based interventions. He examines countertransference issues as an important therapist tool to gain a deeper understanding of the patient.

**Dr. Sara Marvin** received her Doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ. Dr. Marvin previously worked for the Recognition and Prevention (RAP) Program at North Shore LIJ Health System; a research program that provides assessment and treatment for adolescents and young adults at risk for developing more serious mental illness. Dr. Marvin’s theoretical orientation is Integrative. Her approach to theoretical integration has been heavily influenced by Prochaska and DiClemente’s Transtheoretical Model. She primarily uses psychodynamic and CBT theories (particularly DBT and Mindfulness approaches) in her integration. Dr. Marvin has a private practice in Clinton, NJ and specializes in treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

**Dr. Francis McGovern** graduated from St. John’s University with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1984. He is licensed in New Jersey and has experience working in community mental health centers, a sex offenders prison/treatment facility, and two state psychiatric hospitals. He has been a caseload
carrying psychologist at GPPH for 30 years during which time he has assumed the roles of psychologist for the deaf unit, Director of the Psychology Internship and Acting Director of the Psychology Department. He developed a token economy program for low functioning patients during the 1980’s and was the primary trainer for treatment planning during the 1990’s. He has had a private practice for 21 years with a focus on marriage counseling, depression and anxiety. His primary theoretical orientation is interpersonal/psychodynamic.

**Dr. Gene Nebel** received his Ph.D. in child psychology from St. John’s University. He is a graduate of the Department of Human Services Psychology Internship Training Program. As a licensed psychologist and certified school psychologist, he is a member of both the New Jersey Psychological Association and the New Jersey Association of School Psychologists. His interests lie in psychoanalytic developmental psychology and in psychodiagnostic assessment with particular emphasis on the Rorschach. He is a fellow of the Society for Personality Assessment. At GPPH, he works on one of the legal units.

**Dr. Denise Paulson** received her Psy.D. from La Salle University in Philadelphia in 2005. She has a variety of clinical experience working in community mental health, juvenile detention, a VA hospital, and a university counseling center. She has been working at Greystone since 2007 and supervises interns on the second and third rotations employing Stoltenberg’s Integrated Developmental Model of Supervision. Dr. Paulson’s theoretical orientation is psychodynamic, specifically as defined by Donald Winnicott; however she utilizes Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for certain presenting issues of her patients. She presents on LGBT issues in psychotherapy for the internship colloquia, and is on the Diversity Task Force to promote awareness and support of diversity at GPPH. Dr. Paulson is a licensed psychologist and has a private practice in Essex County, NJ.

**Dr. Lucas Rockwood** received his Psy.D. in clinical psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology. He completed his clinical psychology internship at GPPH. He has been working as a clinical psychologist at GPPH since the completion of his internship and has been an intern therapy supervisor since 2006. His theoretical orientation for patients experiencing short-term and acute problems typically follows Judith Beck’s Cognitive Therapy (CT) model. For patients experiencing more pervasive and lifelong problems, his treatment approach follows the Schema Therapy model. Dr. Rockwood completed the International Training and Certification Program in Schema Therapy under the direction of the founder of Schema Therapy, Dr. Jeffrey Young. He is certified by the International Society of Schema Therapy (ISST) as an Advanced Level Schema Therapist and a Schema Therapy Trainer-Supervisor. Dr. Rockwood’s clinical specialties include Depressive Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Personality Disorders (i.e., especially Borderline Personality Disorders). Dr. Rockwood has been licensed as a practicing psychologist in New Jersey since February of 2008. He has a part-time private practice in Morristown, New Jersey.

**Dr. Jennifer Romei** is the Acting Director of Psychological Services and oversees both the Psychology Department and the Internship Training Program. She received her Ph.D. from the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University in 2003 after interning in the New Jersey VA Healthcare System. Prior to
joining GPPH, Dr. Romei worked as a Psychologist on an adult and pediatric consultation-liaison service for medicine and surgery, and later as a Senior Psychologist on an acute inpatient psychiatric unit. She has experience working as both a therapy and testing supervisor, and was a training faculty member for hospitals in the New York City hospital system. While at GPPH, Dr. Romei worked as the Psychologist on one of the legal units. She served as Director of Internship Training before becoming the Acting Director of Psychological Services in June 2010. She works from an object-relations perspective and integrates techniques and concepts from CBT into her practice. Dr. Romei’s interests include investigation of psychotherapy process and outcome variables in CBT for psychosis and Mentalization-based treatments, threat management, and the role of psychotherapy supervision in the professional development of psychologists. She has a private practice in Ridgewood, NJ, and is licensed to practice in both New Jersey and New York.

Dr. Ronald Schaffer received his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Seton Hall University in 1988. He is licensed in both New Jersey (1990) and Florida (1992). He began his career in the VA hospital, where he worked for 13 years. In 1990, he joined the GPPH department. He has been an intern psychodiagnostics supervisor at GPPH since 1991. Additionally, he supervises NJ licensure candidates earning their post-doctoral hours. He is a member of APA, NJPA, and FPA, and he works from a Cognitive Behavioral/Cognitive Insight theoretical orientation.

Dr. Darin Schiffman is a licensed Psychologist in NJ and NY. He is assigned to G2, which is one of four forensic units at GPPH. Dr. Schiffman received specialized training in marriage and family therapy at Alliant International University, San Diego, where he earned a PsyD in Clinical Psychology (2004). Prior to his doctorate, he received an MA in Clinical Psychology (1997) from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ. In 2001, he completed an APA internship at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital, located in Hammonton, NJ with a concurrent training experience one day per week at The College of New Jersey Counseling Center. Following his internship, Dr. Schiffman joined the Psychology Department at Woodbridge Developmental Center (WDC). He later completed his Post-Doctoral training at WDC and developed their Dedicated I/DD-Specific Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship program. After its third year, the internship received APPIC membership. Prior to its closing, Dr. Schiffman became the acting Director of the WDC Psychology Department. While his case conceptualizations draw heavily on his psychodynamic theoretical background, in practice, Dr. Schiffman employs an integrative approach, combining dynamic, humanistic, family systems, and cognitive-behavioral techniques. Dr. Schiffman has 20+ years of experience conducting individual / group psychotherapy with individuals manifesting severe and persistent mental illness at various in-patient and out-patient facilities. He has also worked - and volunteered - in the areas of substance abuse prevention and the treatment of individuals with co-occurring substance abuse disorders superimposed on a mental illness. He has specific interests and experience in family conflict resolution, facilitating interventions with bereaved individuals and their families, emotional resiliency, self-determination theory, projective assessment, the treatment of affective disorders, stress-management, and solution-focused psychotherapy.
Dr. Thomas Schimpf earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Walden University. He has a M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Goddard College and B.A. in General Psychology from Montclair State University. Dr. Schimpf has worked in varied clinical settings including Acute Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Out-Patient, and Community/State Hospital In-Patient programs. He has worked as a psychologist for the state of NJ for the Division of Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Mental Health Services for the past nine years. Clinical and research interests include crisis intervention, disaster psychology, staff development and wellness, burnout and stress response, mood and anxiety disorders, anger management, and positive psychology. Dr. Schimpf is also a licensed psychologist in NJ.

Dr. Christine Schloesser received her Psy.D. in clinical psychology from Argosy University in Washington, D.C. After completing her internship at GPPH, she joined the psychology department. Dr. Schloesser currently serves as the unit psychologist on a co-ed legal unit and as conducts both psychotherapy and assessment supervision. Her primary orientation is Kohutian; however, she often integrates cognitive-behavioral concepts in order to meet the needs of her patients. She has experience working in school-based settings, inpatient facilities for children, adolescents and adults, and correctional facilities. Her research and professional interests include psychodiagnostics, ethical dilemmas, and the interplay between law and psychology. Dr. Schloesser also has a private practice in Morristown, NJ.

Dr. Deborah Worth earned her Psy.D. in clinical psychology from Ferkauf Graduate School (Yeshiva University) after completing her predoctoral internship at GPPH. Her doctoral research project was titled “The Therapist's Use of Humor in Psychotherapy.” Dr. Worth has a variety of clinical experiences in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Prior to earning her doctorate, she was in a community mental health center in Morris County for 12 years; three years in the partial care program and nine years as an outpatient therapist for children and adults. After her internship, she worked as a psychologist at the Matheny School and Hospital, which serves people with serious developmental disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, and Lesch Nyhan Syndrome. She returned to GPPH in 1999 and is a licensed psychologist.

Dr. Maria Xiques received her Psy.D. from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University. Dr. Xiques’ 30 year career includes 11 years as a behavioral support person and 16 years in a state developmental center. Most recently, she has served as a unit psychologist at GPPH. Her focus is on medically and physically vulnerable clients who are dealing with chronic and/or terminal medical conditions, physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities, and complex mental health needs. Her interests include the adaptation of psychotherapeutic and diagnostic strategies for persons with special needs, the therapeutic use of music, the psychological and physical context of treatment, the service recipient’s subjective experience of treatment, and trauma-informed care. She is certified as a Teacher of the HC, certified NJ Disaster Response Crisis Counselor, and a licensed psychologist. Dr. Xiques currently co-coordinates the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Psychology Externship Program.
**Physical Amenities**

In July 2008, GPPH moved into a new, state-of-the-art building. Interns will be given swipe cards to access the building entrances and access to the units. Physical keys will be assigned depending on the units to which interns are assigned. Ample parking is available in the parking lot adjacent to the hospital. Interns will be assigned to cubicles with lockable cabinets, personal computers, and telephone lines. Each intern will be given an email and voicemail accounts. Interns also have access to office supplies, the IT department help desk, and the department’s clerical support staff for help with any administrative tasks. Within the hospital, there are conference and consultation rooms that interns will be able to utilize for therapy and testing. On each unit are a pair of consultation rooms with a one-way mirror that is used for therapy and testing supervision as needed. In addition to the onsite library, interns will have access to PsycINFO and several other online databases. Most resources, if not available online or in the library, may be accessed easily through interlibrary loan by making a request to the hospital’s librarian.

**Requirements for Successful Completion of the Internship Program**

An intern will receive a certificate at the conclusion of the internship program upon satisfactory completion of the following requirements:

1. Completion of at least 1750 hours (full time for 12 months) during the training year.

2. Successful performance in professional team membership, therapeutic and assessment work as measured collaboratively by all supervisors at the end of each rotation.

3. Satisfactory completion all written requirements, as determined by supervisors.

4. Demonstrated clinical competence of assessment skills as measured by successful completion of a minimum of 18 assessment batteries.
5. Demonstrated clinical competence of both individual and group psychotherapy in accordance with the LCS model, as measured by supervisor evaluation of at least four (4) individual patients and at least two (2) psychotherapy groups.

6. Successful performance at the MMC outpatient rotation.

7. Attendance at didactic programs as scheduled unless ill or excused by the Acting Director of Psychological Services.

The Training Committee has the final approval in the granting of certificates. Its decision is based upon evaluations from supervisors and the recommendation of the Acting Director of Psychological Services.

**HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES**

**BACKGROUND CHECK, CRIMINAL HISTORY, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, EXPECTATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FACILITY RULES DURING EMPLOYMENT**

*Please Read Carefully*

Interns at GPPH are placed on the payroll as part-time NJ State government employees and have the remainder of their hours covered as clinical volunteers. Applicants’ responses on the AAPI regarding criminal background are used as initial indicators of eligibility for appointment to a State employee position. “Matched” interns complete a State of New Jersey application for employment. The applicant must disclose past pleas of guilty or no contest, past adjudication or “adjudication withheld” for felonies and misdemeanors. Interns’ written responses will be verified through a criminal background check that will be performed before the internship start date (i.e., after the “Match”). Certain elements of the criminal background automatically disqualify a person for employment, while others may result in an exemption, depending on agency review of documentation about the background. A matched intern may forfeit State employment through failure to give full accurate disclosure of arrest and court outcome information during the application process, during the time period between the “Match” and internship start date, or during the internship program.

New Jersey statutes require that staff at state mental health treatment facilities who provide direct services to residents undergo security background investigations as a condition of initial as well as continued employment. Applicants who are selected in the Match process will have a security check including fingerprinting. This check is expected to be consistent with what the intern reports on the AAPI and the subsequent State application, for matched applicants. Note that appointment (payroll status) as an intern may be terminated for particular criminal offenses that occurred in the past, that occur between the Match date and the start date, or that occur during employment. For example, a
plea of no contest or guilty, or an adjudication of guilt, to felony drug charges among others, constitutes disqualifying offenses. **GPPH reserves the right to deny employment or volunteer status to any person after investigation of their criminal background.** It is the responsibility of each applicant and each matched intern to make full disclosure to the Acting Director of Psychology on all application materials about past and newly-occurring arrests and court outcomes at a minimum of three time periods: during the application process, during the period between selection and beginning the internship, and during the course of the internship.

This position is also conditional upon successful completion of a medical exam including a TB exposure test. The purpose is to assure employees’ and residents’ safety through monitoring for exposure to tuberculosis. **GPPH is a drug free workplace; in addition it is a tobacco free workplace. No form of tobacco, smoked or chewed, is permitted on the grounds, even outdoors.** Failure to comply with the tobacco free and drug free policies may result in disciplinary action including termination.

Because the intern’s financial support is provided as a New Jersey part-time employee (in “temporary” status for the duration of the one-year appointment), interns are expected to comply with all agency rules and regulations while on payroll. Interns, like other employees, could face disciplinary actions up to or including termination, for behaviors that are not permitted by State employees (such as, but not limited to, violations of internet or e-mail usage policies). While such behaviors may not appear to have direct relevance to becoming a professional psychologist, they are nevertheless conditions of employment relevant to this internship. Like all State employees, interns must meet expectations for attendance, professional and ethical behavior, and completion of job duties to remain on paid employment status and successfully graduate from the internship.

**COMPENSATION**

The current annual stipend is $28,380.93. In addition to this stipend, each intern is granted 10 paid vacation days, 10 paid sick days, 3 personal leave days, and 14 holidays. There are no medical benefits provided at this time.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**PRE-DOCTORAL CANDIDATES**

Candidates must be enrolled in a doctoral program in applied psychology (clinical or counseling) at an accredited university or professional school, approved by their chairman to attend internship, and have completed graduate course training that shall have included a minimum of six semester hours of credit in each of the following areas:

1. Objective and projective testing with practicum experience
2. Psychotherapeutic techniques with observed practicum experience
3. Personality development and psychotherapy
4. Motivation and learning theory
5. Research design and statistical analysis

Approximately 1000 intervention and 50 assessment hours shall have been completed before the start of the internship, with 500 intervention hours completed at the time of application to the program. A portion of this completed practicum experience must have been either under the direct observation of a supervisor or under supervised video/audio tape review, preferably verified by that supervisor. Please note that we require a writing sample (test report preferred), which should be submitted at the time of interview.

**POST-DOCTORAL CANDIDATES CHANGING SPECIALTIES**

Doctoral psychologists who are attempting to change their specialty to an applied area of psychology must be certified by a director of graduate professional training having participated in an organized program in which the equivalent of pre-internship preparation (didactic and field experience) has been acquired. (See pre-doctoral requirements for specific work and practicum experience).

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