

# Integrated Care Placement in Rural Appalachian FQHC

The APA-Accredited Southwest Virginia Psychology Doctoral Internship Consortium (#2231; <<https://swapsychinternshipconsortium.weebly.com/index.html>> is comprised of two sites. This year, our Stone Mountain Health Services site will be placing two students to do integrated behavioral health in our primary care medical clinics. The Radford University Student Counseling Services site is in the midst of staff transitions and therefore is not accepting applications this year.

A few things of note about the Stone Mountain site:

- Interns are part of a multidisciplinary Behavioral Health Team that includes Licensed Clinical Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners; medical collaborators include physicians and nurse practitioners;
- Interns have a dedicated assessment day each week;
- We are planning on adding optional training opportunities in Medication-Assisted Treatment (Suboxone), Pain Management, and Black Lung Disease for interns;
- We have increased our stipend for next year to \$30,000;
- The Behavioral Health team has received the Virginia Rural Health Association's "Best Practices in Rural Health" Award and the first ever "Innovative Rural" Award from the Virginia Department of Health's State Office of Rural Health;
- Most of our former interns have found jobs in rural areas and many of them are doing integrated care;
- Many of our former interns are in leadership positions in their jobs.

Please note that our application deadline is November 1 and we have identified December 14, 17, and 18 as in-person interview dates.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me by email: [jwerth@stonemtn.org](mailto:jwerth@stonemtn.org). Thank you.

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