Competency Goals

The overall goal of the CHS psychology internship is to provide broad based training in the competencies believed to be essential for professional psychologists practicing in an integrated, multidisciplinary community health setting. They are presented below, together with the knowledge base or area of professional conduct relevant to the competency.

A. Development of Clinical Skills in:

- 1. Application of Theory and Research to clinical practice
- 2. Assessment, Diagnostic and Conceptual Skills
- 3. Intervention and Treatment Planning
- 4. Supervision

Objective: Increase abilities and skills in application of theory and research, assessment, diagnosis, conceptualization, intervention, treatment planning, and supervision in clinical practice.

Training Method: Direct clinical experience, Supervision, Didactic Seminars, Treatment Team meetings, Case conferences

Evaluation: In supervision, direct observation, case documentation, feedback from multidisciplinary team

- B. Integrated Services Delivery, including:
 - 1. Professional Consultation
 - 2. Interface in multidisciplinary setting
 - 3. Knowledge and Skills in Primary Care Psychology

Objective: Increase Knowledge and Skills in Integrated Care, including professional consultation skills, interfacing within a multidisciplinary setting, and Primary Care Psychology

Training Method: Direct clinical experience, Supervision, Didactic Seminars, Workshops, Integrated multidisciplinary environment

Evaluation: Supervision, direct observation, feedback from multidisciplinary staff, case documentation

C. Sensitivity to Individual and Cultural Diversity in Professional Work

Objective: Demonstrate awareness and integration of diversity issues in clinical practice

Training Method: Direct clinical experience, supervision, didactic seminars, system wide trainings, modeling

Evaluation: Supervision, mentorship

D. Ethical standards in clinical practice

Objective: Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of ethical and legal standards, including APA ethics code and relevant rules and statutes of the state of Tennessee

Training Method: Didactic seminars, supervision, mentorship, direct experience, system wide trainings, modeling, organizational milieu

Evaluation: Supervision, mentorship

E. Professional Development

Objective: Demonstrate appropriate professional conduct, ongoing professional growth and self-awareness, public advocacy

Training Method: Supervision, mentorship, didactic seminars, modeling

Evaluation: Supervision, Mentorship, Interactions with Training Director