

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Management of Human Resources** Heading: **Orientating, Training, and Educating Staff**

Key Word(s): **Forensic, Psychology, Trainees, and Education**

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Purpose: The Psychology Forensic Postdoctoral Fellowship was created with a two-fold purpose. The first was to utilize the resources represented by Patton staff to teach and consult within the hospital and local community. Seminars designed to advance Patton staff have been developed, using a customer satisfaction model for management teams and unit staff. The second was to train psychologists in the recognized specialty of forensic psychology.

Brief Description: Patton's Forensic Postdoctoral Fellowship is one of the first fellowships to train psychologists in the specialty of forensic psychology. The fellowship is a one-year full-time position that includes practical experience in conducting court ordered evaluations, child custody evaluations, and risk assessments under supervision. Additional supervised clinical activities and didactic experiences round out the psychologist's exposure to other areas of forensic practice. Patton trainees and staff have been invited to make relevant forensic presentations at various facilities, professional meetings, and conferences not only with the state and nation, but also internationally. Faculty are involved in research on violence and neuropsychological assessment of competency and have published in peer reviewed journals. The fellowship represents the highest standard of practice and scholarship. Applicants are selected from American Psychological Association approved graduate programs in internship programs in the United States and Canada.

Selection Basis/Criteria:

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other : _____

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