



Silverman Psychological Services

Assessment Externship

Dr. Sarah Silverman at Silverman Psychological Services (SPS) is pleased to announce the opportunity for an assessment externship. This site offers training in psychological assessment for diagnoses including but not limited to: ADHD, behavioral problems, learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum, depression, bipolar, and anxiety/OCD. The age range is vast, from 6 years old through the lifespan. This training experience can be for academic units or pay-based.

The externship will focus on the administration, scoring, interpretation, report writing, and feedback of assessment materials including the Wechsler intelligence tests (WISC-V/WAIS-IV iPad administration), Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT-IV), Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System (D-KEFS), California Verbal Learning Test (CVLT-C & CVLT-3), plus personality assessment (PAI and MMPI) and rating scales (ADHD-RS-IV, BAARS-IV, SRS-2, BRIEF, etc.), along with various other scales relevant to diagnostic conceptualization.

Upon starting, the extern will be required to review the administration and technical manuals for each test and observe administration. The extern will then be required to administer and score assessment batteries while being observed and will be responsible for report writing. When ready, the extern will be expected to perform independently including administration, scoring, interpretation, and report writing, all under caring supervision. Dr. Silverman provides sample templates/reports and is very involved in the process, providing detailed feedback on reports regarding testing interpretation, conceptualization, and diagnostics. The extern co-facilitates testing feedback sessions (and intakes, when available). In addition, the extern will engage in reviewing articles related to psychological assessment. Good writing skills and interpersonal skills are a must.

The extern is expected to work approximately 10 hours per week (3 direct testing hours per week), with testing from 9am-12pm and one hour of group supervision per week (more provided if needed). The extern may work more than 10 hours during a given week depending on their report writing efficiency and follow-up testing needs. Extern is expected to finish the report at the agreed upon deadline. In the past several years, many of the externs have extended their training into a second year! She truly values training and having positive relationships.

Dr. Silverman has been providing training to UO PhD students since 2015. She was the assessment supervisor at Strong Integrated Behavioral Health, now LifeStance Health, and transitioned to private practice in 2022. She has proudly supervised and provided letters of recommendations to many externs over the years. Her supervision is supportive and approachable, with direct clinically relevant feedback. This externship will make you a better clinician and diagnostician and will increase your knowledge immensely. It is time-intensive and demanding; however, it is a supportive environment that will truly challenge your skills.

Interested individuals should e-mail Dr. Silverman at sarah@silvermanpsych.com with a cover letter and CV.