

Psychosocial Oncology MA and PhD-Level Practicum Placements and Internships
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
Psychosocial Oncology & Cancer Patient Support Programs

The psychosocial oncology and cancer patient support program (CPSP) is an integrated behavioral health program within the AHWFB Comprehensive Cancer Center and staffed with a team of MA and PhD level practitioners including licensed clinical mental health counselors and licensed clinical social workers. CPSP staff work among an interdisciplinary medical team to provide quality and evidenced-based psychosocial oncology care for individuals with cancer and their caregivers, contribute to psychosocial oncology research, and manage educational programs in an academic medical setting.

Overview: Our practicum and internship placements span three semesters and provide opportunities for advanced graduate students in training seeking clinical and research experience in the fields of counseling, psychology, and psychosocial oncology. Students gain experience working in an academic medical setting, enhance application of clinical skills while supporting individuals with cancer and their caregivers during inpatient and outpatient treatments, collaborating with a multidisciplinary medical team, and contributing to psychosocial oncology research development and education.

Supervision: Clinical supervision provides rotations on the following services: Leukemia; Stem Cell Transplant; Surgical Oncology; Solid Tumor / Gynecology Oncology; Outpatient Oncology Clinic; Telehealth Groups; Head and Neck Oncology; Medical ICU; and Rapid Response.

Clinical and scholarly responsibilities:

- I. Inpatient counseling
 - a. Introduce CPSP services to patients and assess needs.
 - b. Co-facilitate inpatient consults.
 - c. Assist with follow up support for patients.
 - d. Co-facilitate inpatient groups.
 - e. Collaborate with interdisciplinary medical team.
 - f. Document patient encounters in the electronic medical record.
- II. Outpatient counseling & triage
 - a. Assist with new patient referrals and triage.
 - b. Participate and conduct psychological assessments for potential stem cell transplant recipients.
 - c. Manage outpatient caseload during internship learning.
 - d. Conduct comprehensive clinical assessments and treatment planning.
 - e. Perform in-person and telehealth activities.
 - f. Document patient encounters in electronic medical record.
- III. Group Work
 - a. Co-facilitate support groups.

- IV. Participation in monthly clinical staff meetings
 - a. provide two case conceptualizations during internship learning.
- V. Participation in psychosocial oncology research and development of presentation materials
- VI. Co-facilitate educational learning presentations for medical providers and community partners
- VII. Engagement in hospital provided continuing education activities

Hours: We prefer students be onsite 2-3 days a week during their practicum and internship learning experiences, and will be flexible with school / work schedules for students to maximize access to patient care opportunities and important meetings.

- Practicum: 8-10 hours a week
- Internship: 20-24 hours a week

Equal Employment Opportunity

It is the policy of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist to administer all educational and employment activities without discrimination because of race, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or veteran status (except where sex is a bona fide occupational qualification or a statutory requirement) in accordance with all local, state, national laws, executive orders, regulations, and guidelines.

CPSP Dates and Deadlines for Applying for Practicum and Internship**

2024 Fall Placement

Application: January 15 - February 9, 2024

Interviews: February 19 - March 1, 2024

Offers: March 8, 2024

2025 Spring Placement

Application: May 20 - 31, 2024

Interviews: June 24 - 28, 2024

Offers: July 8, 2024

2025 Summer Placement

Application: September 16 - October 11, 2024

Interviews: October 21 – November 1, 2024

Offers: November 8, 2024

*** Minimally, an intern must commit to two semesters. On a case-by-case basis, as determined by CPSP administration, exceptions to these deadlines will be considered.*

To Apply: Submit a single PDF containing your Personal Statement and Curriculum Vitae, and two professional/academic references to our Internship Coordinator Erica Fox, MA, LCMHC-QS, ACS, NCC, ATR-BC at efox@wakehealth.edu.

