

*The following guidelines regarding out-of-state students seeking to complete their internships in California was prepared by members of the School Psychology Educators in California in collaboration with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.*

### Guidelines for Out-of-State Students Seeking California Internships

Students receiving their school psychology training in other states sometimes request to do their internship year in California. California currently has an intern credential available. In order to be paid to work in the schools as an intern school psychologist, one must have the intern credential. This is granted only under the auspices of a university that has a California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) approved school psychology internship credential program. Most schools in California granting the PPS: School Psychology Specialization credential have internship programs. In addition, it is important to note that interns not holding the internship credential may still work in schools, but only if they are not being paid. However, most districts will want their interns to hold this credential. Therefore, for an out-of-state student to do an internship in California, he or she must (a) find a university that is willing to approve that student's previous program as equivalent to his or her own, (b) grant an internship credential and (c) enroll that student in their program for supervision. We are currently unaware of any programs willing to do so at this time; however, that does not mean there are none. It is important to note that this does not prevent an out of state student from doing an unpaid internship in California while still under the supervision of his or her home university. However, CCTC suggests that even if a person is doing the internship under the auspices of an out of state institution, a California university person should be identified to coordinate and provide supervision.

Out-of-state applicants for the California credential need to obtain (or at least document that they qualify for) their training state's credential. Once the out of state credential is completed, the person submits his transcripts and any other program documentation to CCTC who will review an applicant's program to determine if it meets California standards. The applicant will also have to complete the CBEST. Upon completion of the CBEST and determination that the training was equivalent that person will be granted a California PPS Credential. Such applicants have one year in which to successfully take the CBEST. However, if out-of-state applicants do not meet the standards for their training state then a California university would need to verify that the training was equivalent to California standards.

See: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentialinfo/leaflets/cl606.pdf>