



## AATPC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2021-2022

The Internship Program at AATPC is one that will provide both training and supervision, as well as experience working with a variety of clients using Animal Assisted Therapy. We require a 12-month commitment of 20-hours per week (regardless of graduation date). All interns are required to work a minimum (and maximum) of 5 hours each weekend and at least 2 evenings per week, as well attend meetings and group supervision on Thursdays from 11:00 – 2:00. Currently depending on COVID precautions and CDC guidelines, these hours may be a combination of telehealth and on-site work.

During your initial weeks you will be given an intern orientation and training that will prepare you in both an administrative and clinical capacity for your future career. After your orientation, you may begin working with clients immediately as it is our priority to provide a maximum of 12 client hours per week for you (most interns are capped at 10-12 clients per week). In addition to client sessions and case file management, this position will have other responsibilities, which may include administrative or administrative support work, participating in various counseling programs and groups, ranch and animal care, and programmatic support. Supervision will be provided for all tasks that are asked of you. Because this is a ranch, there is non-clinical work that is expected of all staff, including interns, to maintain the health and well-being of the animals and cleanliness of the facility, as well as to support the non-profit.

We do not require you to work with your own animal, however if you choose to bring an animal to work with you, it must be your own pet and they will be part of a secondary interview process. These animals must have appropriate temperament and personality and be obedience trained. For dogs: the intern must be willing to train and certify any dog they'd like to bring onsite (we can provide you this info at your request). All interns will have access to work with our variety of therapy animals who live on the ranch.

**Due to our high client load and the nature of our office, we do require that all interns have previous Practicum experience in a supervised, clinical setting, or clinical work experience.**

We ask that you carefully review these requirements before applying for this internship. Thank you.

- Completion of Practicum or have provided similar mental health counseling experience
- Play therapy course before or during your first semester of internship.
- 12 month commitment
- 20 hours per week including 5 hours per weekend and 2 evenings per week
- Intern will participate in all trainings and supervisions provided at AATPC (free of charge)
- At least one session per month must be audio or video taped for supervision purposes.
- Intern will attend one hour of individual supervision per week
- Intern will attend mandatory team meetings and group supervisions each week on Thursdays from 11:00 – 2:00 pm.

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Duties may include:

- Psychotherapy - Direct client hours
  - Children
  - Adolescents
  - Adults
  - Couples
  - Families
  - Seniors
  - Veterans
  - Veterinary Counseling Program participation
- Group Therapy (Availability due to COVID uncertain)
  - Start own groups
  - Participate in current groups already taking place through AATPC
- Administrative Support (this is a partial list)
  - Answering calls or emails from students looking for information about AAP
  - Giving tours of the Ranch
  - Supporting fund raising activities & volunteer events
  - Public speaking or representing AATPC at public functions
  - Assistance cleaning the offices as needed
  - Assistance with Ranch Animals, including cleaning stalls!

If you are interested in applying to our Internship Program, please complete the attached Application and submit it along with a current resume and cover letter that specifically details your experience that may be relevant to this position. You can fax it to Alyssa Weidman at (720)266-4444, mail to the address below or email to [internship@aatpc.org](mailto:internship@aatpc.org) .



**CLINICAL INTERNSHIP APPLICATION** Month and Year to Start \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL**

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month & day only): \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:- \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If currently working:

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Hours/Week Do You Work? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate your work schedule being flexible for this internship? Please explain:

How Did You Hear About Us?

**GRADUATE PROGRAM**

Present School: \_\_\_\_\_ Program:

\_\_\_\_\_ Are we a

pre-approved Internship Site for your school? \_\_\_\_\_ Internship

Supervisor and Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICUM and COUNSELING EXPERIENCE**

Where was your Practicum? \_\_\_\_\_

Practicum Supervisor and Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your client population, issues worked with and duties at your Practicum:



Please describe any additional counseling experience you have, apart from your Practicum:

**ANIMALS**

Potential Therapy Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Certified? \_\_\_\_ Neutered/Spayed? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to pay for Certification for you and your animal during your Internship?

Other important information about your animal:

Please describe your experience with animals, including what animals you have worked with, owned, lived with, etc. and any animals that you are allergic to or reluctant to work with:

**OTHER**

Reasons Requesting this Internship:

Please list any special skills or training you may have that you would like to share with us (including other languages spoken):

Please list any limitations that you think may be important for us to know about:

How many hours per week are you available to intern? \_\_\_\_\_



What hours are you available?:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes/No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime against children or animals? Yes/No

If yes, please explain:

By signing this application you are stating that all the above information is true and correct. You are also agreeing to adhere to the policies of AATPC, will attend any training or orientation required and will sign a confidentiality waiver prior to beginning your internship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE FAX OR MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE WITH RESUME & COVER LETTER*

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Application Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_ Interview Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Training Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Fingerprint \_\_\_ Background Check \_\_\_ Confidentiality Statement \_\_\_ Training/Orientation \_\_\_ Drivers License \_\_\_ Insurance

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_