

University of Akron – Counseling and Testing Center
Training Programs During the Pandemic
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The Counseling and Testing Center (CTC) recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is unique; requiring flexibility and balance. All changes to our services, policies, and procedures were made with the ethical care of our clients in mind. Decisions about our training programs have been made with consideration of the safety and training needs of our trainees and the policies of the University of Akron.

Due to university, state and federal guidelines, the CTC moved back to on campus services beginning July 1, 2021. Currently, all staff and trainees are working from campus. Due to campus policies, we are wearing face coverings while in the office. The University is requiring that all students and faculty/staff be fully vaccinated by December 13. Therapy services are being offered both in-person and through telepsychology while training and supervision is being conducted in person. All other CTC services such as outreach, group, assessment, and biofeedback are being offered. The CTC has remained busy during the pandemic and trainees have not had difficulty meeting the requirements of internship or practicum.

We understand that practica and other training experiences have been disrupted for our applicants. All AAPI/application materials are reviewed with this knowledge. We consider several factors in our search decisions and have never focused exclusively on clinical hours. We value candidates who have a breadth of experiences, an interest in diversity, and a commitment to meeting the needs of a diverse college student population.

We will continue to monitor health, training and university guidelines and will update this document if changes occur. Please contact us if you need further information about our training programs or how they are being impacted by the pandemic.

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