

Name of district

Mesa Public Schools

Website

www.mpsaz.org

Address

1025 N Country Club Dr.

City

Mesa

State

AZ

Zip code

85201

Type of intern candidates your district is willing to accept (check all that apply):

- Doctoral
- Ed. S.
- NASP Only Programs

Name of district contact for school psychology internship

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In which parts of the internship fair will your district participate (check all that apply):

- 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Interviews (7 interview slots)
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM Interviews (5 interview slots)

Is the internship funded?

- Yes

If so, what is the expected salary range?

\$62,922.00

How many interns do you anticipate hiring this year?

up to 10

What are your intern assignments from day 1?

We will have between 3 to 4 side-by-side internship placements, where interns share a campus with their supervisor. These campuses have large caseloads, which the intern will proportionately split with their supervisor.

We will also have placements where the intern is at their own school full time. These placements will have reduced caseloads to account for internship expectations.

Please briefly describe what experiences an intern in your district would receive. (consider using this section to describe what day to day internship would look like throughout the internship experience):

Interns will be placed at their own campus throughout the course of their internship. They receive more supervision at the start of the year, and supervision fades as the year progresses. Interns have reduced caseloads to allow them to develop skills as they navigate the roles and responsibilities of a school psychologist. Interns can expect to evaluate students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, depending on the grade-level band they may participate in MDRs, they will likely conduct FBAs and write PBIPS. We offer a full range of experiences in Mesa. Were an intern to feel that their specific site did not provide access to certain experiences (MDRs, for example), the Lead School Psychologist is happy to pair the intern with another campus for observation, to ensure they gain exposure to all facets of the role.

Describe professional development and training opportunities at site (check all that apply):

- regularly scheduled professional development for intern level trainees (targeting trainee skills)
- regularly scheduled psychologist group meetings/supervision/training (targeting all district school psychologists)

Will the supervisor(s) provide 2 hours of direct supervision for every 40 hours worked

- Yes

How many hours do interns typically accumulate throughout the year

- 1200

What other information should intern candidates know about your district or internship experience that is not listed here?

Interns participate in monthly New to Mesa (NTM) training, which enhances their understanding of MPS processes and procedures. NTM is led by a veteran school psychologist who can help problem solve and trouble shoot any procedural difficulties an intern may have. This is just another layer of support provided by MPS.

The Lead School Psychologist meets quarterly with the intern group for case conceptualization, check-in, and to offer additional support.

Are there at least two licensed doctoral psychologists on staff in the event that a doctoral candidate wishes to receive supervision consistent with a future pursuit of licensure?

- Yes

Do you require students to apply to the district ahead of time?

- Yes

If so, please provide directions for students on where to apply (physical address/email address/website) and what portfolio materials to submit

<https://mpsaz.schoolspring.com/>

Please search School Psychologist Intern for the job posting.