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Columbia Valley Community Health Doctoral Internship Program Receives Accreditation
CVCH Doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology awarded the maximum length of accreditation

Wednesday, May 6, 2015: **Wenatchee, WA:** The Doctoral Internship program in Clinical Psychology at [Columbia Valley Community Health](#) has received accreditation from the [American Psychological Association](#) (APA). In an announcement that marked the end of an intensive application process lasting three years, the APA stated:

I am pleased to inform you, that on the basis of this review, the Commission voted to award accreditation to this program, with the date of initial accreditation as November 18, 2014. In so doing, the Commission scheduled the next accreditation site visit to be held in 2021.

The [Doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology program](#) is part of the Behavioral Medicine department at Columbia Valley Community Health (CVCH). The program was awarded the maximum length of accreditation – seven years – based on the Council on Accreditation’s professional judgment that the program complied with all domains of their guidelines and principles for accreditation.

Dominika Breedlove, Psy.D, Director of Internship Training at CVCH, said this was a huge accomplishment for current interns, incoming classes, and the future of the program.

“This change in status will go a long way in expanding our pool of intern candidates and attracting more qualified trainees capable of delivering high-quality services for our agency,” Dr. Breedlove said. “By achieving this accreditation, we have met a very important standard which ensures that we will continue to be strong leaders and role models for other training programs and community health centers.”

The Doctoral Internship program at CVCH is a clinical psychology training program in a medical setting that follows an integrated model of primary care. CVCH welcomed its first two interns in July 2010; eight have successfully completed the program with two current interns slated to finish in July 2015.

For more information about the Doctoral Internship program at Columbia Valley Community Health, please contact [Dr. Dominika Breedlove](#), Director of Internship Training, at **509.662.6000**.

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About Columbia Valley Community Health

[Columbia Valley Community Health](#) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that offers medical, dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, WIC and outreach services to everyone in Chelan and Douglas Counties. Their mission is to provide access to improved health and wellness with compassion and respect for all. Established in 1972, CVCH is now an industry leader and was the first in the Pacific Northwest to achieve the Joint Commission's Primary Care Medical Home certification. CVCH serves over 28,000 patients a year between all of its departments and locations in Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Chelan.

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