

## **Doctoral Degree in Counseling Psychology**

### **PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

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### **Philosophy of Training**

The UAGM PIP is based upon a practitioner-scholar model of clinical training approach. This internship was designed to provide a broad-based clinical training experience which prepares Interns to function ethically, competently and independently as health service psychologists as they refine clinical skills and develop a sense of professional identity. Experiential and didactic experiences provide an enriching learning environment which encourages Interns to become analytical and critical consumers of current theory, practice and research and develop a greater understanding of how diversity factors influence individuals. Interns receive extensive experiential training in core areas of psychology practice including diagnosis and assessment, therapeutic intervention, self-assessment, teaching, consultation and supervision, diversity and social awareness, and professional behavior and development.