

Dear Colleague -

When I think back to my days as a graduate student, I vividly recall both the effort and emotions involved in securing a predoctoral internship. You are probably aware of the alarming state of affairs for today's graduate students. Each year in this country over 800 students are unable to secure an internship anywhere. The situation for Nevada's students is particularly difficult as the only APA Accredited Internship statewide is the Reno VA which typically accepts just 4 psychology interns a year from all over the country.

The Nevada Psychological Association, as part of its long standing commitment to our undergraduate and graduate psychology students decided that we must do something about this situation. We want our students to remain here so they can provide high quality mental health services to the vastly underserved citizens of our state in both the urban and rural areas. We therefore developed the Nevada Psychological Association Training Consortium (NPATC).

NPATC has been over two years in the making. It is a grass roots effort by Nevada Psychologists from the University, State/County and Private Practice sectors. We became incorporated as a not for profit subsidiary of the Nevada Psychological Association in September 2009 and we have applied for an IRS 501(c)3 Tax Exempt status. Our mission is to develop a top tier internship training program that meets APA accreditation standards. This is a process which requires several years of demonstrated excellence in training as well as a solid financial footing. We hope to qualify for APPIC membership by 2013.

We are pleased to inform you that we are currently working with 5 potential affiliated sites to create our first class of interns starting July 2011.

Affiliated site fees will cover only part of our costs. The balance must come from granting agencies and private foundations. Our success in obtaining this type of funding will depend on 2 factors:

1) We will need to demonstrate the importance of our mission and 2) we need to demonstrate financial support for this mission by the Nevada Psychological Community. We are therefore asking for your support at this time.

We hope you will see this as a contribution to the strength and vitality of our profession, statewide. The very presence of interns will immediately increase the visibility of Psychology in Nevada. When they subsequently work along side us as licensed professional colleagues, it can only create new professional opportunities for everyone.

Please donate what you can to this extremely worthy project. We would like to memorialize your donation during this Foundational Year by placing your name on our website. Donations of \$1000.00 or more will be recognized with a plaque honoring you as a Founding Sponsor of NPATC as well as your name so listed in the current and all future editions of the NPATC Internship Training Manual.

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