WellSpan Philhaven is south central Pennsylvania’s most comprehensive behavioral health organization, serving Adams, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties through 54 programs and 27 care locations. For more than 65 years, we have focused on treating the whole person – mind, body and spirit. We offer services for all ages and various levels of care, including hospitalization, day programs, outpatient counseling, and services in the home, school and community. WellSpan Philhaven is part of WellSpan Health, an integrated health system serving the region with approximately 1,500 employed physicians and advanced practice clinicians, a home care organization, eight respected hospitals, more than 19,000 employees and more than 170 care locations.

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Practicing psychologists endorse their WellSpan Philhaven hospital internship

“Philhaven’s program increased my competency as a clinician by providing experience in various levels of care and taught me how to be professional, ethical and responsible in my clinical work.”

“I found great value in the quality of the supervision. The generalist track provided an excellent variety of training experiences.”

“My Philhaven internship has been extremely valuable in my postdoc and subsequent job. While working in all levels of care with patients from both rural and urban communities, I learned from people with different strengths and areas of expertise, worked on interdisciplinary treatment teams and communicated with other providers. I gained experience in presenting to colleagues and providing “practice” supervision. I became more confident assessing for patient needs and safety as I worked with a high level of acuity on the inpatient units.”

Comments above received in anonymous survey of former WellSpan Philhaven interns.
Wellspan Philhaven Hospital Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology
From the Director

Thank you for your interest in the WellSpan Philhaven Hospital Doctoral Internship. I have been the director of this program for about twenty five years, during which time we have been privileged to contribute to the growth and development of many doctoral interns.

In the internship program, we have a highly proficient and engaged training staff with varied educational backgrounds and areas of expertise. These experienced and effective professionals keep me personally excited about our program and the work at WellSpan Philhaven.

WellSpan Philhaven values the diversity of the communities that we serve and from which we hire our employees. It is our policy not to discriminate in hiring, and we seek and welcome applications from interns representing all cultures and backgrounds.

Please feel free to be in touch if you have questions about our program.

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P.S. Please visit WellSpanPhilhaven.org/DoctoralInternships for more details on how our program might be the right choice for your future. Our application process, a complete handbook and biographies of our supervisory staff are available online.

Accreditation

The WellSpan Philhaven Hospital Doctoral Internship program was accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1989 and has maintained APA accreditation status continuously since that time. The APA Commission on Accreditation can be contacted at 750 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, or by calling (202) 336-5979.

WellSpan Philhaven is fully accredited by The Joint Commission.
WellSpan Philhaven Hospital Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology Program

is a twelve-month, full-time, doctoral internship. Since its inception in 1974, 141 psychology interns from 49 graduate programs have benefited from the program. Interns undertake individual and group psychotherapy, couples and family therapy, diagnostic evaluations and other professional roles.

Our Psychology Internship Program is known for its strong clinical training, exposure to diverse clientele and clinical experiences, multiple levels of care—including inpatient—and our unique program that provides care to the Plain Communities, including Amish and Old Order Mennonites.

As of January 1, 2016, Philhaven became an affiliate of WellSpan Health, a regional healthcare organization with values in common with Philhaven’s. We continue to serve the broad local community as well as religious and spiritual communities, consistent with Philhaven’s history. The internship includes training in the integration of faith and psychology practice. Interns are encouraged to attend to the needs of the whole person, including the spiritual dimension, as well as recognizing emotional, biological, cultural and social factors.

Ideal Location

WellSpan Philhaven’s inpatient hospital campus includes 200 acres of open and woodland property adjacent to an operating farm and bordering the popular summer resort of Mt. Gretna. Locally, you will find exceptional historical, cultural, recreational, dining, retail and professional opportunities. Gettysburg, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and New York City are within a few hours’ drive.