

Inclusion of Program Evaluation and General Research Training for
Predoctoral Psychology Interns in Paediatric Health Settings:
Perceived Value for Potential Employers

An online survey was created and directed to CAPHC member organizations to explore the extent to which potential employers of psychologists within paediatric healthcare centres value program evaluation and research training gained during the predoctoral psychology internship. A pilot sample of eight respondents (or 19.5% of the 41 CAPHC member organizations) completed the survey, each from a different organization and who were either in a psychology leadership position or involved in the hiring of psychologists. Results indicated that program evaluation research was occurring in a large majority of organizations (87.5%). Respondants valued program evaluation training during psychology internship more highly than either general research training or allotted time for completion of dissertation research, although research activities were not valued as highly as were clinical activities (i.e., assessment, therapy, and consultation). There was support for the inclusion of clinical research opportunities such as program evaluation into the predoctoral psychology internship.