

Name of district: Mesa Public Schools

Website: [www.mpsaz.org](http://www.mpsaz.org)

Address: 1025 N Country Club Dr

City: Mesa

State: AZ

Zip code: 85201

Type of intern candidates your district is willing to accept:

- Doctoral
- Ed.S.
- NASP Only Programs

Name of district contact for school psychology internship: Dania Forte, Ph.D.

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In which parts of the internship fair will your district participate:

- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Interviews (7 interview slots)
- 1:00-3:00 PM Interviews (5 interview slots)

Is the internship funded: Yes

If so, what is the expected salary range? 80% of base salary, approximately \$60K

How many interns do you anticipate hiring this year: 8

What are intern assignments from day 1? at own school full time with supervision 2 hours weekly

Please briefly describe what experiences an intern in your district would receive: Interns in Mesa will experience being at their own site (with a reduced caseload). Supervision will be more than 2 hours at the start of the school year, and will eventually fade to 2 hours as the semester progresses. Interns in Mesa have a rotation day that typically starts in the second quarter, where they will gain exposure to a different grade level band - i.e. elementary, junior high, high school or early childhood/preschool. This can be chosen based on intern preference/interest.

Describe professional development and training opportunities at site:

- regularly scheduled professional development for intern level trainees (targeting trainee skills)
- regularly scheduled psychologist group meetings/supervision/training (targeting all district school psychologists)
- intern group supervision (in addition to individual supervision)

Will the supervisor(s) provide 2 hours of direct supervision for every 40 hours worked: Yes

How many hours do interns typically accumulate throughout the year: 1500

What other information should intern candidates know about your district or internship experience that is not listed here?

Our district has an onboarding training process called "New to Mesa". This is for all new employees, interns included, and occurs every week for approximately 2 to 3 hours. NTM is meant to help new hires understand MPS practices. This is another layer of support offered to interns. NTM is taught/led by a veteran School Psychologist who helps process through difficult cases and procedural questions. Additionally, the lead psych meets with interns and their supervisors monthly to offer another layer of case conceptualization and to ensure that interns feel safe and supported.

Are there at least two licensed doctoral psychologists on staff in the event that a doctoral candidate wishes to receive supervision consistent with a future pursuit of licensure: Yes

Do you require students to apply to the district ahead of time: Yes

If so please provide directions for students on where to apply (physical address/email address/website) and what portfolio materials to submit:

Applications can be submitted here: <https://mpsaz.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx?jcat=certified>  
There will be a post for School Psychology Interns - posted likely in January.