

Colorado School Psychology Internship Consortium (HP-PIC) Videoconference Supervision and Training Policy

Colorado School Psychology Internship Consortium (CoS-PIC) uses HIPAA-compliant video conferencing at times to provide shared weekly training experiences that promote education, interaction, and socialization among interns and faculty. CoS-PIC recognizes the value of fostering group cohesion and socialization of interns within the cohort and virtual meetings via videoconferencing are an effective way to foster connection when in-person meetings are not possible. Regularly scheduled training activities that may occur in this format include individual and group supervision and periodic didactic seminars.

Didactics delivered via videoconferencing are led by a CoS-PIC supervisor, other contributors, or invited speakers. Scheduled group telesupervision is led by one of CoS-PIC's supervisors and provides interns with the opportunity to experience a breadth of supervisory relationships and supervision modalities. The use of videoconference technology for supervisory experiences is consistent with CoS-PIC's model and training philosophy, as CoS-PIC places a strong training emphasis on access to behavioral healthcare, which increasingly relies on the use of telehealth services. Given the geographical distance between training sites, this model allows the interns to form greater connection to the training faculty and licensed psychologists in Colorado than would be experienced otherwise. It is expected that the foundation for these supervisory relationships is cultivated during training site orientation, such that interns form relationships with the training faculty prior to engaging in videoconference group supervision and research group supervision.

Specific case consultation may be provided during group supervision. Cases may be discussed using generalities and for all clinical cases, full professional responsibility remains with the intern's primary supervisor, and any crises or other time sensitive issues must be reported to that supervisor immediately. Interns are provided contact information for all CoS-PIC supervisors including email and cell phone numbers, so crises and time sensitive information can be reported as necessary.

All CoS-PIC videoconferencing occurs over a secure network using HIPAA-compliant technology. Supervision sessions using this technology are never recorded, thus protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all trainees. All interns are provided with instruction regarding the use of the videoconferencing equipment at the outset of the training year. Technical difficulties that cannot be resolved on site are directed to the site IT Department.