



**Nevada Psychology Internship Program (NV-PIC)**

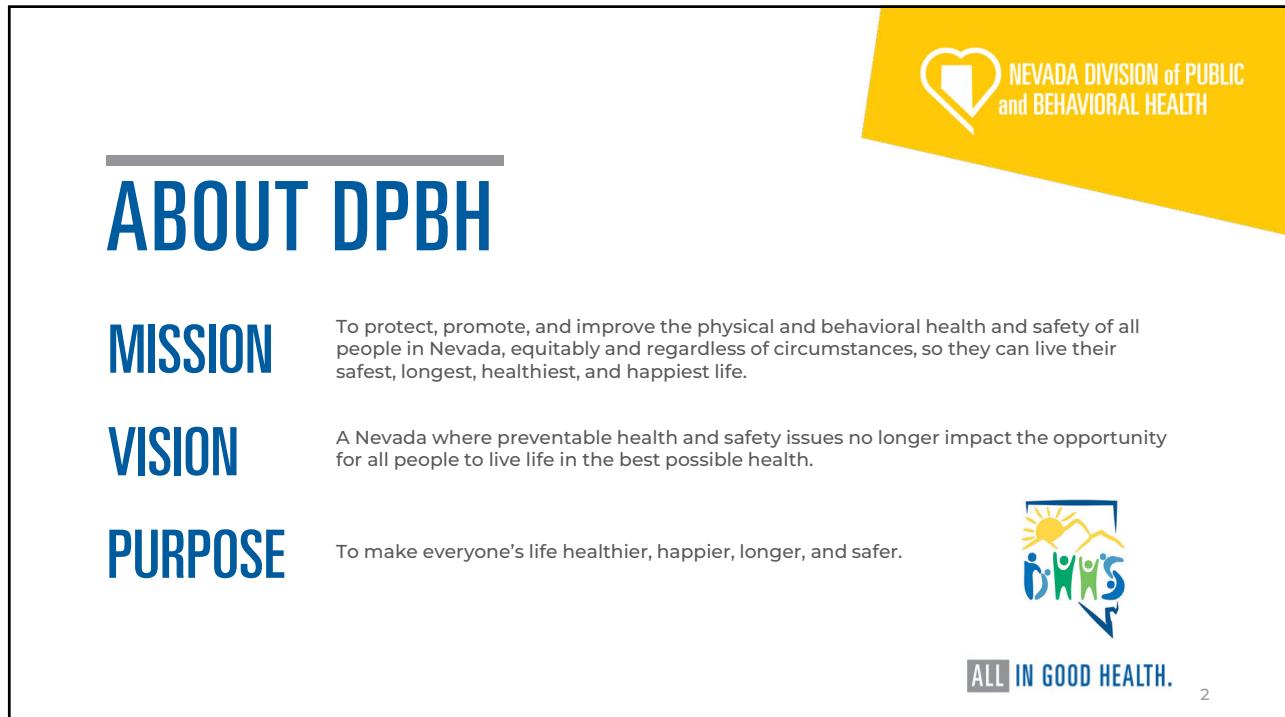
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**ABOUT DPBH**

**MISSION** To protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

**VISION** A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

**PURPOSE** To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.

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## Mental Health America

### Nevada 2024 Report

What is ranked	Ranking number
Adult ranking (prevalence, treatment, insurance)	48
Youth ranking	51
Access to Care Adults & Youth	45
Prevalence of Mental Illness Adults & Youth	45
Mental Health Workforce Need	34 (420:1)
Overall ranking adults & youth (15 factors)	51

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## Psychology Training



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- To become psychologist, students complete a 5-6 year doctoral program
- The last year of the program is a full-time, 1-year internship
- Students compete nationwide for internship positions
- Intern applicants and internship sites are matched based on rankings submitted
- After graduation, most states require 1 year of supervised experience prior to licensure

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## Program History



- The Nevada Psychology Internship Consortium (NV-PIC) is a state-wide workforce development program that represents the collaborative effort of two agencies within one state division.
  - We share resources and faculty to provide a diversified educational program for psychology interns.
  - Training takes place at two training sites in Las Vegas and Carson City.

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## NV-PIC is a unique consortium



Each agency is part of DPBH, but all sites are unique and distinct, as well as in different parts of the state



We emphasize public behavioral health



We serve an underserved community in an underserved state



This internship provides a rich experience in the treatment of marginalized individuals

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The aims of the Nevada Psychology Internship Consortium (NV-PIC) are to prepare doctoral psychology interns to:



Serve, with cultural humility, broad psychological services to underserved clients in the Nevada public behavioral health system.

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Retain NV-PIC graduates to continue to serve the people of Nevada.

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First Cohort: 2015-2016



Initial Accreditation from American Psychological Association (APA): May 18, 2017



Most Recent Site Visit from APA for Reaccreditation: June 2023



Reaccredited for 10 years (maximum allowed)



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## NV-PIC remains 1 of only 5 APA accredited internships in Nevada



NV-PIC  
• 3 positions

VA-South  
• 2 positions

VA-North  
• 4 positions

UNLV-CAPS  
• 4 positions

UNR-CAPS  
• 3 positions

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## OUR PARTNERS

**Nevada Office of Western Interstate  
Commission for Higher Education  
(Nevada WICHE) –**  
part of Western Regional Education Compact

### **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) – Behavioral Health Program**

- Support states (8) in underserved areas develop internship consortia
- Admin framework, consult with APA accreditation, advisement, operational support

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### Nevada Office of Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (Nevada WICHE) –

- Provides financial support for NV-PIC Interns



### Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) – Behavioral Health Program

- Admin framework, consult with APA accreditation, advisement, operational support
- Direct employer for NV-PIC interns

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## IMPACT OF INTERNS: A few examples



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- Interns complete a minimum of 520 hours of direct service.
  - Individual & group therapy
  - Behavioral interventions (positive behavior support plans, token economy programs)
  - Crisis interventions
  - Psychological assessments
  - Forensic evaluations (risk assessment, competency to stand trial)
  - Clinical consultations
- The remainder of their time is spent in activities to support their clients, the agency, their departments.
  - Research
  - Program development
  - Training
  - Committee participation

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## IMPACT OF INTERNS: A few examples



- Development & modification of group programming
  - Rational Decision-Making
  - Mindfulness
  - CBTp
- Individualized services to our long-term committed patients
- Study of services provision wait times in Rural Clinics (justifying use of telehealth years before pandemic)
- Study of Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST)
- Study of malingering & precommitment evaluations used in forensic evaluator certification trainings
- Study of attorney contacts, reasons for referral for competency to be used in trainings
- Revision of patient handbooks
- Study of misdemeanor diversion

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## NV-PIC Alumni



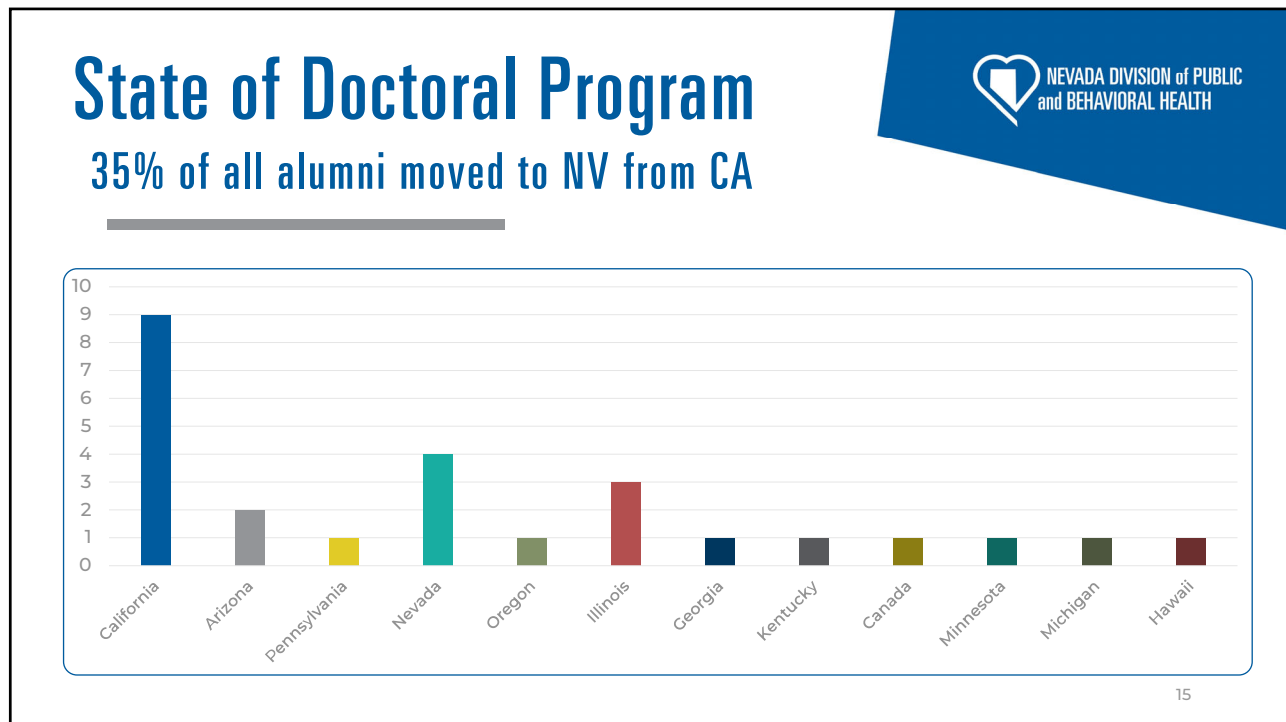
23 Interns have graduated

3 Interns will graduate on August 8, 2025

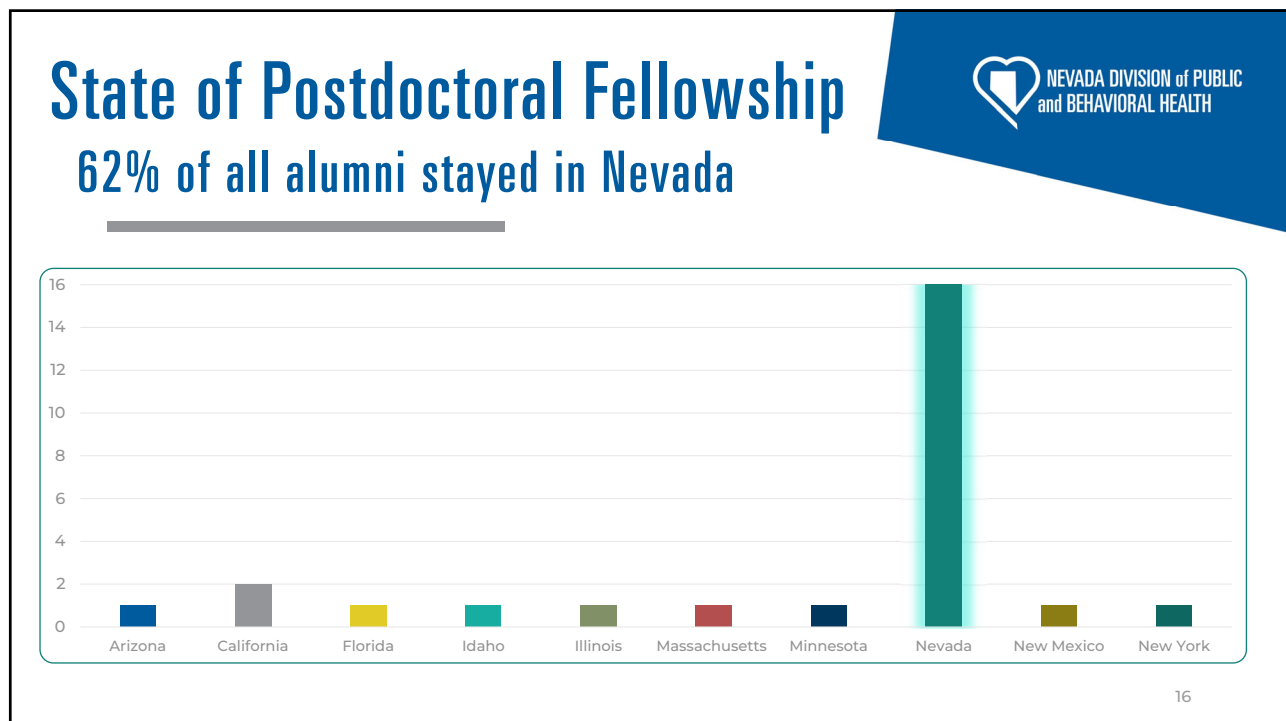
2025 graduates will start as full-time staff after graduation

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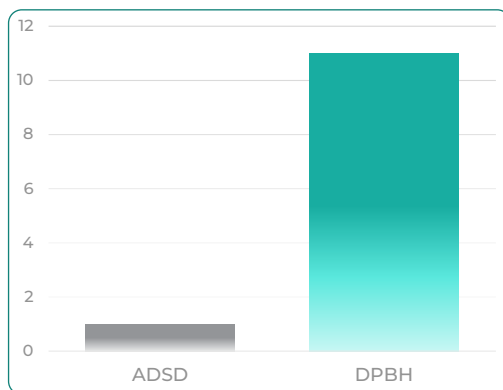
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## Postdoctoral Fellowship



- Of those who stayed in Nevada, 75% worked for Nevada Department of Health & Human Services for their postdoctoral fellowship.
- 92% stayed with the Division of Public & Behavioral Health (DPBH)

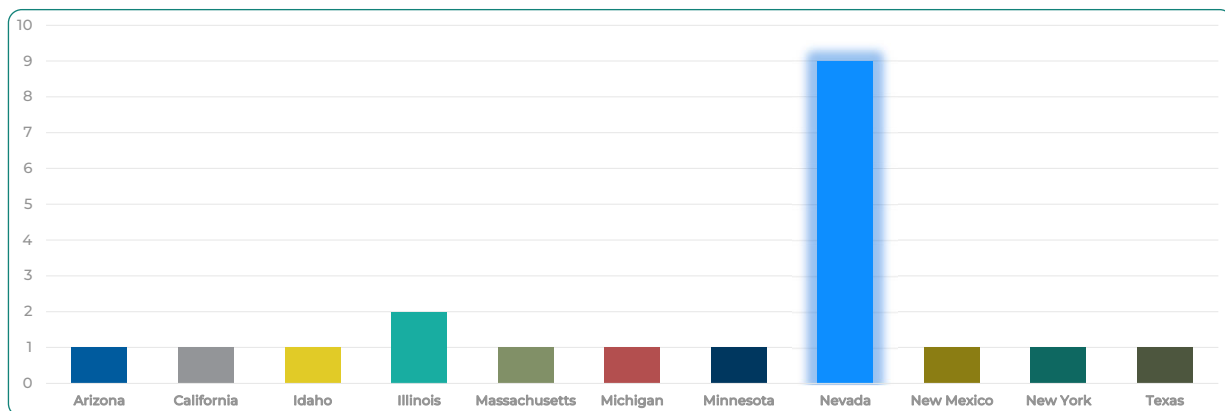
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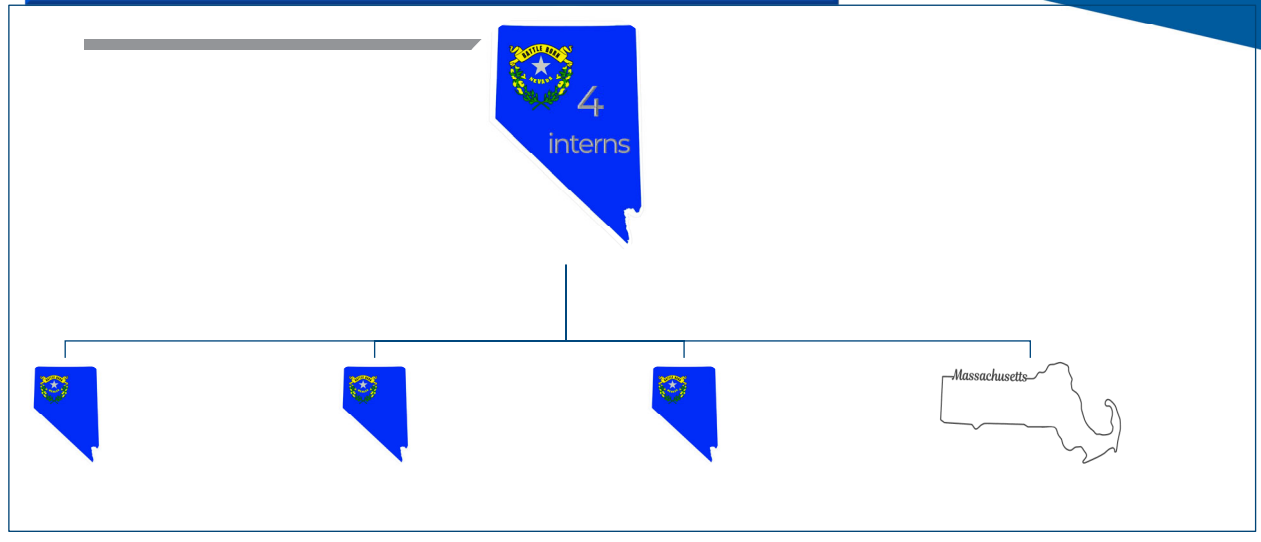
- 45% of all alumni are currently licensed in Nevada
- 3 alumni are in the process of getting licensed in NV
- 3 interns will graduate August 2025



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**75% of alumni who attended a doctoral program in NV, stayed in NV for postdoc**



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- Thank you for your continued support of our program.
- Nevada WICHE's financial contributions are vital to the success of our program.
- The need for psychologists will continue to grow, especially when the new 298-bed forensic hospital opens in Las Vegas in 2029.

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