

The Psychology department would like to welcome you back for the 2020-21 academic year with some important information regarding our internship program. As the global pandemic continues in an unpredictable fashion, we are suspending all in-person internship experiences for this academic year. This decision was not taken lightly as we recognize how important the internship is to your educational experience at UTSA. The primary consideration in this decision is the health of you, your fellow students, university staff and faculty, and our community partners. Considering these factors, we believe it is appropriate to suspend this component of our program. To minimize disruption of your path toward graduation, we suggest the following option:

- **Substitute course(s):** Most frequently, it will be best to enroll in an alternate course(s) to earn the required credits to satisfy your degree requirements. You might want to choose courses that will cover material that would have been relevant to your desired placement. For example, if you were hoping to work with children, you could take Developmental Psychology or Developmental Psychopathology – when they are open and offered. If you were hoping to work in hospice, you could take Adulthood and Aging to cover end of life issues – when it is open and offered. If you were hoping to intern in a counseling-type setting or with Child or Adult Protective Services, you might want to take one of the courses in the Counseling department that are offered to undergraduates - Helping Skills or Child Abuse & Domestic Violence – when they are open and available.

We understand this is not an ideal situation and our preference was to be able to support an in-person internship, but the current state of the pandemic does not support this option. We are committed to supporting your path to graduation without significant disruption. We hope this option ensures that goal. Please contact the Department with any questions.