

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION

PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP TRAINING DIDACTICS

8/01/2026 – 7/31/2027

Unless otherwise noted, each scheduled didactic will occur in the Randall Building, Large Conference Room

Wednesdays 10AM – 12PM

Please complete [Didactic Seminar Evaluation Form](#) after each seminar offering

	Date	Didactics/Training Events	Presenter(s)
Orientation and Foundational Trainings	8/3 Through 8/21	• HR procedures (insurance, ID Badges, etc.); Internship Program Orientation and Policy Review (8/3, 8/7, 8/13) • DAC New Hire Orientation: mission, values, organizational structure, and DAC-Prisons policies including due process, grievance, and PREA Training (8/3 - 8/6) • Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission (8/10-8/11) ○ The Impact of Psychological Evaluations on Decision Making in Parole Hearings ○ Short Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) Training • Policy Review & Training Director 1:1s (8/13) • Basic Life Support for Health Services Professionals (8/14) • Prison Tours & Badge Receipt (8/17-8/18) • Intern Policy Presentations (8/18) • Electronic Medical Record Documentation (HERO training) (8/20-8/21) • First Day of Clinical Rotation (8/24)	See Orientation Schedule for details
	8/12	<i>Location change: Orange Correctional PEACE Center</i> Introduction to Supervision	Marvella Bowman, Ph.D.
		Ethical Decision-Making for Mental Healthcare Providers in Corrections	Jon Peiper, Ph.D.
	8/19	PANEL: Interdisciplinary Model Overview: Health Services	Health Services Leadership
	8/26	Interdisciplinary Model Overview: Security and Special Operations within Prisons	Ken Smith, Chief of Emergency Preparedness
	9/2	PANEL: Programs Available to Offender Population	Rehabilitation & Reentry Services Staff
	9/9	Interdisciplinary Model Overview: Social Work Services in the Prison System	Mary Grillo, MSW
	9/16	Maintaining Professional Boundaries and Security	Morgan Gunter, Psy.D.
	9/23	Statewide Behavioral Health Meeting	Jon Peiper, Ph.D.
	9/30	<i>Trip to Correctional Facility: Pender Correctional Institution</i>	
	10/7	Behavioral Health Services Clinical Programs Overview	Melissa Mowder, Ph.D.

10/14	Group Therapy in Prisons	Kaylla Jackson, Psy.D. Raina Kor, Psy.D.
10/21	Core Competency Model for Corrections: Self-Directed Violence Risk Assessment and Management (Week 1 – Competencies 1 & 2) Personal Attitudes and Reactions to SDV & Developing a Professional Stance	CCM-C Trainers
10/28	CCM-C (Week 2 - Competency 3) Identify Evidence-Based Risk and Protective Factors	CCM-C Trainers
10/28	CCM-C (Week 3 - Competency 4) Assess Self-Directed Violence Intent and Plans	CCM-C Trainers
11/4	CCM-C Week 4 – Competency 5 Determine Level of Risk for Self-Directed Violence	CCM-C Trainers
11/11	<i>Veteran's Day Holiday</i>	
11/18	CCM-C Week 4 - Competencies 6-8 (<i>extended session: 10am – 1pm</i>) Evidence-Based Treatments for Self-Directed Violence, Social Support Considerations in SDV Prevention, & Clinical Documentation Best Practices	CCM-C Trainers
11/25	Feigning in Correctional Settings: Barriers to Accurate Assessment <i>Followed by discussion re: application to DAC facilitated by Dr. Bowman.</i> https://vimeo.com/866330472	Recorded webinar by Michael Vitacco, Ph.D., ABPP
12/2	CCM-C Week 5 - Competency 9 Legal and Ethical Considerations in Self-Directed Violence Prevention	Jon Peiper, Ph.D.
12/9	CCM-C (Week 6 – Competency 10) Apply techniques for self-care and debriefing.	CCM-C Trainers
12/16	S.H.I.E.L.D. (Support. Hope. Inclusion. Empowerment. Loyalty. Dedication.) & The Science of Hope	Robert Fields, MA, LPA
12/23	<i>Winter Holiday</i>	
12/30	<i>New Year Holiday</i>	
1/6	Aftercare Concerns among Incarcerated Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI): Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Program	Mary Grillo, MSW, LCSW Elena DiRosa, MPH Ted Zarzar, MD
1/13	Guardianship and Offenders	Gregory Holloway, MSW, LCSW, & Kenneth Yearick, PhD
1/20	Criminal and Civil Competencies	Evan Du Bois, Psy.D.
1/27	S.H.I.E.L.D. (Support. Hope. Inclusion. Empowerment. Loyalty. Dedication.) & The Science of Hope	Robert Fields, MA, LPA
2/3	Responder Assistance Initiative/ Integrated Behavioral Health Services	Nico Sirianni, Psy.D., LP, HSP
2/10	Sex Offender Accountability and Responsibility Program (S.O.A.R.)	Monica Bauguess, MA Joycelyn Albury, PsyD
2/17	Behavior Principles	David F. Richards, Ph.D.

	2/24	Transgender Health: An Overview	Katherine Croft, BSN, RN
	3/3	The Good Lives Model: A Strengths Based Approach to Treating Individuals with Legal Histories	Brittany Pereira, Psy.D.
	3/10	INTERN PRESENTATIONS	
	3/17	Statewide Behavioral Health Meeting	Jon Peiper, Ph.D.
	3/24	INTERN PRESENTATION	
	3/31	Trip to Correctional Facility: Eastern Hub	
	4/7	Using Psychoeducation to Reduce Hopelessness in Prisoners	Russell Owens, PsyD
	4/14	INTERN PRESENTATION	
	4/21	Working with Members of Security Risk Groups	Steve Jones, M.A.
	4/28	Peer Support Training in First Responders	Megan Arnold, Psy.D.
	5/5	Peer Support Specialist Program	Shanna L. May, MSW, MAEd, LCAS, LCSW, CCS Melissa H. Mowder, PhD
	5/7	Off-site Retreat (full day) Professional Identity S.H.I.E.L.D. Presentation & Wellness Activities	Martha Turner-Quest, Executive Director North Carolina Psychological Association Representative S.H.I.E.L.D. Representatives
	5/12	Peer Observer Program	Jeanine Slater, M.A.
	5/19	Effective and Empowering Psychotherapy for African American Women	Kaylla Jackson, Psy.D.
	5/26	POST-DOC PRESENTATION	
	6/2	Traumatic Brain Injury	Rita Crump, M.A., LPA
	6/9	Legislative Affairs + Legislative Tour (Off Site – date may change based on Legislative Calendar)	Justin T. Davis, MPA
	6/16	Statewide Behavioral Health Meeting	Jon Peiper, Ph.D.
	6/23	Litigation Preparation for Behavioral Health Clinicians	Orlando Rodriguez, JD, MPA
	6/30	POST-DOC PRESENTATION	
	7/7	Demystifying Licensure in North Carolina	Rebecca Osborne
	7/14	Healthy Professional Relationships	Heidi Dropkin, Ph.D.
	7/21	PANEL: Life After Internship	Former Interns
	7/28	Closing Celebration	Faculty, Interns, & Guests