

# Potential Sites for School/Educational Psychology Internships

**How to Use this List.** The list below includes two types of sites to search for potential Internships. The first type of site, illustrated by the site entitled *Public Schools (including Charter Schools), K – 12*, is a comprehensive listing of every accredited Massachusetts school or educational program falling into that named category. These sites typically list dozens of schools. When considering Interning at one of these categories of schools or programs, you should invest time in searching the website thoroughly, so that you can see all of the options available to you and then examine the particular characteristics of each possibility that interests you. The other type of site, illustrated by the site entitled *Northstar*, includes smaller schools or educational programs. These schools or programs, while all accredited, are typically more narrowly focused, either in terms of type of educational service provided or type of population served. Essentially all of the information you will need to understand the services provided and the populations served by these smaller schools or programs will be immediately available when you click on the website given for them.

## Public and Private Preschools and Licensed Day Care Programs

Many public and all private preschools, and some daycare programs, have a consulting School Psychologist or Guidance Counselor. Searchable sites listing many of the public and private preschools in Massachusetts are listed below:

<http://massachusettspreschools.org/ma-public-preschools-by-town/>

<http://massachusettspreschools.org/ma-naeyc-accredited-preschool-search/>

[http://www.msmresources.org/schools/schools\\_montessori\\_ma.htm](http://www.msmresources.org/schools/schools_montessori_ma.htm)

<http://www.privateschoolreview.com/massachusetts/daycare-private-schools>

<http://www.mass.gov/edu/birth-grade-12/early-education-and-care/find-early-education-and-care-programs/>

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>

<http://www.eec.state.ma.us/ChildCareSearch/EarlyEduMap.aspx>

## **The People's Institute**

<http://pichildcare.com/>

A community – based agency providing affordable preschool, kindergarten, and after school educational and recreational programs for children from age 15 months through the eighth grade.

Contact: 413.584.8313, [peoplesinstitute@netzero.com](mailto:peoplesinstitute@netzero.com)

## **Public Schools (including Charter Schools), K – 12**

Most public schools in Massachusetts have a Guidance Counselor or School Psychologist on staff or on call. Searchable sites listing all 244 of the public schools in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden Counties are given below.

There are 50 public schools K – 12, some of which are Charter Schools, serving 18,783 students, in Hampshire County

<http://www.publicschoolreview.com/massachusetts/hampshire-county>

There are 155 public schools K – 12, some of which are Charter Schools, serving 73,940 students in Hampden County

<http://www.publicschoolreview.com/massachusetts/hampden-county>

There are 39 public schools K – 12, some of which are Charter Schools, serving 9,570 students, in Franklin County

<http://www.publicschoolreview.com/massachusetts/franklin-county>

## **Private Schools, K – 12**

Many of the K – 12 private schools in Massachusetts are among the most highly selective, and respected, in the nation. In fact, some are among the most highly selective and respected K – 12 schools in the world. All of the private schools in Massachusetts have a Guidance Counselor or School Psychologist on staff. Searchable sites listing all 90 of the private schools in Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden Counties are given below.

There are 18 private schools K – 12, serving 2,258 students, in Hampshire County

<http://www.privateschoolreview.com/massachusetts/hampshire-county>

There are 57 private schools K – 12, serving 6195 students, in Hampden County.

<http://www.privateschoolreview.com/massachusetts/hampden-county>

There are 15 private schools K – 12, serving 2,321 students, in Franklin County.

<http://www.privateschoolreview.com/massachusetts/franklin-county>

## **Special Education Schools, K – 12**

All of the Special Education schools in Massachusetts have multiple Guidance Counselors or School Psychologists on staff. There are 107 Special Education schools, serving children and youth with special needs including mental illnesses and physical disabilities, in Massachusetts. A searchable list of all of them is given below.

Go to <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238> and choose the APPROVED SPECIAL EDUCATION option from the ORGANIZATION TYPE drop down menu you will find there.

## **Alternative Education Schools, K – 12**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognizes that every child learns differently, and that some children and youth thrive in alternative settings. All of the Alternative Education Schools in Massachusetts have a Guidance Counselor or School Psychologist on staff or on call. A searchable list of these Alternative Education Schools including Vocational schools, schools for “at risk” youth, and trauma – sensitive schools may be found at this site:

Go to <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238> and choose the ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION option from the ORGANIZATION TYPE drop down menu you will find there.

## **Innovation Schools and Academies, K – 12**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts permits groups of educators to create autonomous schools that can implement creative and inventive strategies to reduce achievement gaps and increase student achievement. Most of the Innovation Schools and Academies in Massachusetts have a Guidance Counselor or School Psychologist on staff or on call. A searchable list of Innovation Schools and Academies may be found at this site:

Go to <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238> and choose the INNOVATION SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES option from the ORGANIZATION TYPE drop down menu you will find there.

## **Collaborative for Educational Services**

<http://www.collaborative.org/programs>

Collaborative for Educational Services is a local educational collaborative working with schools, districts, families, children, youth, and adult learners in Hampshire County to create and improve educational opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

Contacts for specific Programs:

Early childhood (0 – 3) – [earlychildhood@collaborative.org](mailto:earlychildhood@collaborative.org)  
413.586.4900 Option 3

Special Education – Sherry Smith, [ssmith@collaborative.org](mailto:ssmith@collaborative.org)  
413.586.4900 x5260

Community Psychology / Prevention – Sue Cairn,  
[scairn@collaborative.org](mailto:scairn@collaborative.org) 413.586.4900 x5580

After School: Chris Taggart, [ctaggart@collaborative.org](mailto:ctaggart@collaborative.org) 413.588.5577

Alternative Education – Matt Rigney, [mrigney@collaborative.org](mailto:mrigney@collaborative.org)  
413.522.8322

Partnership with the Dept. of Youth Services (DYS) – Woody Clift  
[wclift@collaborative.org](mailto:wclift@collaborative.org)

Special Education in Institutional Settings – Terry Senio  
[tsenio@collaborative.org](mailto:tsenio@collaborative.org), 413.584.4900 x5963

## **Massachusetts Educational Collaboratives for K – 12**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts supports educational collaboratives to bring school districts together to form partnerships all throughout the Commonwealth. These partnerships provide training, enable the efficient and cost contained sharing of exemplary educational practices, and serve and educate many of our most vulnerable students. A searchable list of these collaboratives may be found at this site:

Go to <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/search/search.aspx?leftNavId=11238> and choose the COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS option from the ORGANIZATION TYPE drop down menu you will find there.

## **Northstar**

<http://northstarteens.org/>

A local self – directed learning center for Teens, many of whom are being home schooled or are studying independently in preparation for taking the HiSET (formerly known as the GED).

Contact: 413.582.0193

## **Center for New Americans**

<http://www.cnam.org/>

Serving the immigrant, refugee and migrant communities of Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley with education and resources to learn English, become involved community

members and obtain tools necessary to maintain economic independence and stability.

Contact: Click on the VOLUNTEER TAB at this site – <http://www.cnam.org/>

## **The Literacy Project**

<http://www.literacyproject.org/index.php>

The Literacy Project offers free classes and tutoring to adults in Western Massachusetts in preparation for taking the HiSET (formerly known as the GED).

Contacts: Amherst – 413.259.1663  
Greenfield – 413.774.3935  
Northampton – 413.584.6755

## **A FINAL NOTE . . .**

You are certainly not restricted to Interning only in one of the Schools or Agencies listed or referenced above. An Internship in any site that allows you to develop skills and learn lessons that will serve you in the career you are pursuing will be acceptable.

## **EPILOGUE**

This is a living list. If you know of Internship sites not included, or if you find an error in a listing, please notify Prof. Marian L. MacDonald at [macdonal@psych.umass.edu](mailto:macdonal@psych.umass.edu).

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