



## **Diversity and Non-Discrimination Policy**

The South Dakota Psychology Internship Consortium (SD-PIC) strongly values diversity and believes in creating an equitable, hospitable, appreciative, safe, and inclusive learning environment for its interns. Diversity among interns and supervisors enriches the educational experience, promotes personal growth, contributes to the overall quality of the program, and strengthens communities and the workplace. Every effort is made by SD-PIC to create a climate in which all staff and interns feel respected, comfortable, and in which success is possible and obtainable. SD-PIC fosters an understanding of cultural and individual diversity as it relates to professional psychology. SD-PIC strives to make every effort to dispel ignorance or anxiety associated with multicultural experiences. SD-PIC's training program includes an expected competency in diversity training, and multiple experiences are provided to be sure that interns are both personally supported and well-trained in this area. SD-PIC avoids any actions that would restrict program access or completion on grounds that are irrelevant to success in the training program or the profession. SD-PIC welcomes applicants from diverse backgrounds and underrepresented communities. SD-PIC provides equal opportunity to all prospective interns and does not discriminate because of a person's race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex and gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other factor that is irrelevant to success as a psychology intern. Applicants are individually evaluated in terms of quality of previous training, practicum experiences, and fit with the internship.