

# Definition of “Clinical Intern”

A “clinical intern” is a student who is satisfying accreditation requirements to achieve licensure. As a candidate for a professional doctorate, the student is immersed in the learning community and provided with opportunities to develop and demonstrate competence in the professional role for which s/he is preparing.

The professional doctorate degree program in which the clinical intern is enrolled requires an internship for licensure. Licensure is the official recognition by a state governmental agency that an individual has met certain qualifications specified by that state. When licensure is granted, the individual is approved to practice in the occupation as a professional in said state.