

Providing Therapy in a Client's Native Language

Interns may be approved to provide therapy to clients in the client's native language per supervisor approval if the intern is also fluent in the language. The supervisor will consider the intern's clinical skills and abilities, the client's preference, and other relevant factors prior to advancing to this form of therapy. Sessions may be required to be audio and/or videotaped and reviewed in supervision, even though the supervisor may not be fluent in the language. If available, a staff member who is fluent in the client's native language may supervise the specific case, after consultation with the intern, supervisor(s), and Training Director.

Interns and supervisors are encouraged to read:

Schwartz, A., Domenech R., M. M., Santiago-Rivera, A. L., Arredondo, P., & Field, L. D. (2010). Cultural and linguistic competence: Welcome challenges from successful diversification. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 41*, 210-220.