

Psychology Externship Training Program

Pediatric Psychology Consultation: Kidney Transplant & Urology

2021-2022

Children's Hospital Colorado offers a psychology externship training program in Pediatric Psychology. While this externship position specifically provides consultation and clinical care in Pediatric Urology and Kidney Transplant, externs will learn cross-cutting skills related to clinical practice that addresses the psychological aspects of illness, injury, and the promotion of health behaviors in children, adolescents, and families in a pediatric health setting. The training program is committed to the recruitment of culturally and ethnically diverse externs. We encourage inquiries and applications from all qualified individuals, please see requirements below.

Number of Positions: 1

Time Commitment: 16 hours per week

- Required: Wednesdays and Fridays

Dates: June 21, 2021 - June 17, 2022

Please note: MANDATORY ORIENTATION is held during the first two weeks of the externship. Block your schedule accordingly, making arrangements with your academic program and personal calendar.

Requirements:

- Be enrolled in at least the 3rd year of an APA accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical, Counseling, Clinical Health, or School Psychology
- Have previous experiences in a medical setting or completed at least one year of a CHCO externship
- Have experience with child and/or adolescent assessment and treatment
- Have proof of malpractice coverage: must be provided by the extern's training institution or by the extern prior to the start date
- Be available to start the externship on June 21, 2021 and the following two weeks for MANDATORY ORIENTATION
- Have completed the attestation form with signature

**Those applicants selected for externship will be subject to drug screening and criminal background checks. Unacceptable results on the criminal background check or drug screening may result in dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

A completed application consists of the following materials:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. 2 letters of recommendation
4. Attestation of Professional Conduct

Emailed by February 1, 2021 at 5pm to the following:

1. Dianna Torgerson, Operations Coordinator, Psychology Training Program
Email: Dianna.Torgerson@childrenscolorado.org

Recruitment Timeline

February 1, 2021 @ 5pm:	Application deadline
February 9 - 24, 2021:	Interviews scheduled
March 1 - 5, 2021:	Positions offered, prompt confirmation of acceptance/declination requested

Supervision

The goal of supervision is to support the extern during exposure to new patient populations, assessment tools and intervention strategies, and to build feelings of competence and functional autonomy in areas of strength. Additional supervision and consultation will be provided as needed.

DUTIES OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEES

Psychology externs provide direct clinical care to children, adolescents, and families under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. Responsibilities include providing consultation in pediatric urology and pediatric transplant outpatient clinics, co-facilitating support groups for parents and children with complex urologic issues and kidney disease, short-term treatment with patients/families during dialysis treatment and hospitalization after surgery, and development of psychological resources/materials for patients and families. There are also opportunities for spearheading quality improvement projects based on the interest of the extern.

Externship Components

Externs are exposed to a variety of treatment approaches, interventions, and modalities through instruction and observation to augment their previous clinical experiences. These training experiences are organized to provide direct clinical, assessment, and consultation experiences in pediatric psychology.

1. Familiarization with health and behavior assessments and interventions
2. Consultation to the pediatric urology and kidney transplant teams
3. Communication of assessment data and recommendations for continued care or treatment of patients in pediatric urology and transplant
4. Co-facilitation of support groups for parents and children with complex urologic issues and kidney disease
5. Didactics: lectures and exposure to issues relevant to clinical and pediatric psychology

Services provided

This externship placement provides students with the opportunity to work in a regionally and nationally prominent pediatric health care facility affiliated with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, the Division of Child Psychiatry, the Division of Pediatric Urology, and the Division of Pediatric Nephrology.

Type of clients served on this externship

Children and adolescents, ages 0-21, and their families served in Children's Hospital Colorado. Patients are representative of Colorado and surrounding states in terms of race and ethnicity.

General Information:

Supervised by: Cindy Buchanan, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Christofferson, Ph.D.

Theoretical Orientation: Behavioral; Cognitive-Behavioral; Family Systems; Developmental Framework

Supervision format: Individual; Group

Ratio of hours (supervision to clinical hours): 1:8

Number of psychology trainees on site: 1 postdoctoral fellow, 1 psychology intern, 1 field placement extern

Number of hours/week externs work for this rotation: 16

Pay: None at this time



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