Children's Hospital Colorado offers a psychology externship training program in Child Clinical Psychology. Clinical responsibilities include 6 therapy appointments per week, 1 diagnostic intake every 1-2 weeks, and rotations through our higher levels of care. Externs have 2-3 hours of weekly individual and group supervision and 2 hours of weekly didactics. Didactics include relevant topics in child clinical assessment and treatment, pediatric psychology and child psychiatry. 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 Slots: 6

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week (2, 10-hour days)

- Required
  - Tuesdays: 8am-6pm
- Choice
  - Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays: 8am-6pm

Dates: June 25, 2018- June 21, 2019

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, Health, or School Psychology (so must be at least a 2nd year at the time of application)
- have completed coursework in cognitive assessment and personality assessment
- 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 25, 2018 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 5, 2018 at 5pm to the following:

1. Cindy Buchanan, PhD, Associate Director of Training, Psychology
   Email: Cindy.Buchanan@childrenscolorado.org
2. Dianna Torgerson, Operations Coordinator, Psychology Training Program
   Email: Dianna.Torgerson@childrenscolorado.org
Recruitment Timeline

- February 5, 2018, 5pm: Application deadline
- February 12 – 28th, 2018: Interviews scheduled
- March 5 – 9th, 2018: 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. Externs are expected to work part-time at twenty hours per week in order to gain both a range and depth of experiences. Expectations include conducting one intake evaluation every 1-2 weeks, carrying a caseload of 6 weekly outpatients, and rotating through higher levels of care. These duties are subject to change to meet the needs of the department and as training opportunities arise.

Externs document all clinical contacts in the electronic medical record within 24 hours of contact, and their notes are co-signed by their supervisor. Externs must complete all hospital required background / training and orientation activities.

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 child clinical and pediatric psychology.

1. Case and record review
2. Cognitive, projective, behavioral, personality and learning assessments
3. Consultation to various areas throughout the pediatric mental health institute
4. Communication of data and recommendations for continued care or treatment
5. Outpatient child/adolescent/family and possible group therapy cases
6. Intake assessment
7. 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 Anschutz Medical Campus and the Division of Child Psychiatry.

Type of clients served on this externship

Children and adolescents, ages 3-17, and their families served in Children’s Hospital Colorado Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science. Clients are representative of the Denver Metropolitan Area in terms of race and ethnicity.

General Information:

Supervised by: Cindy Buchanan, Ph.D.

Theoretical Orientation: Behavioral; Cognitive-Behavioral; Family Systems

Supervision format: _x_Individual _x__Small Group

Ratio of hours (supervision to clinical hours): 1:4

Number of psychology trainees on site: 6-10 postdoctoral fellows, 6 psychology interns, 6-14 field placement externs

Number of hours/week externs work for this rotation: 20

Pay: None at this time