

Psychology Externship Training Program

Neuropsychology Rotation

2023-2024

Children's Hospital Colorado offers a psychology externship training program in Pediatric Neuropsychology. 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: 1-2

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week

Location: Children's Hospital Colorado - Main Campus (Anschutz) and/or Network of Care sites

Dates: June 26, 2023 - June 21, 2024

*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 (at least 2nd year at the time of application)
- have completed coursework in cognitive assessment and personality assessment
- have completed coursework in clinical neuropsychological assessment
- have experience with child and/or adolescent assessment
- 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 26, 2023 and the following two weeks for MANDATORY ORIENTATION
- completion of the attestation form with signature

**Those applicants selected for externship will be subject to drug screening and criminal background checks (there may be associated costs so speak with your program as these fees are not covered by CHCO). Unacceptable results on the criminal background check or drug screening will 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
5. Extern Application Face sheet

Emailed by **February 1, 2023 at 5pm** to the following:

1. CHCO Psychology Training Program email
Email: CHCOPsychTrainingprogram@childrenscolorado.org
2. If you have questions please email Tamara Zangrilli, Operations Coordinator
Email: Tamara.Zangrilli@childrenscolorado.org

Recruitment Timeline

February 1, 2023 @ 5pm:	Application deadline (early submissions encouraged!)
February 6 - 17, 2023:	Interviews scheduled (early interviews available with early, complete submissions)
February 21 - March 3, 2023:	Positions offered, prompt confirmation of acceptance/declination requested

DUTIES OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEES

The Neuropsychology extern will provide direct clinical care to children, adolescents, and families under the supervision of pediatric neuropsychologists. The extern will work in the Division of Neurology for 6 months and the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine for 6 months. For both rotations, externs are expected to work part-time at 20 hours per week in order to gain both a range and depth of experiences. Expectations include conducting 1-2 outpatient neuropsychological evaluations per week, including reviewing electronic medical records, test selection, administration and scoring of measures, integration of testing results, and report writing. Trainees may also have exposure to telehealth sessions involving intake, assessment, or provision of feedback. Opportunities to see patients in an interdisciplinary consultation clinic using an umbrella supervision model involving a neuropsychology post-doctoral fellow or intern and neuropsychologist may also be available. These duties are subject to change to meet the needs of the department. Externs complete necessary initial clinical documentation within 7 days of contact, with final drafts of reports due as specified by the supervisor. Externs must complete all hospital required background / training activities.

Externs will attend didactic seminars through the Neurology Department. The Neuropsychology extern will also be encouraged to attend didactic seminars through the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Department if their schedule allows. Externs also have the opportunity to attend seizure surgery conference.

Patient populations served

1. Neurology
 - a. Genetic disorders (Neurofibromatosis Type 1; 22q11.2 deletion syndrome; Turner syndrome; Tuberous Sclerosis; sex chromosome aneuploidy)
 - b. Metabolic disorders (PKU, urea cycle disorders)
 - c. Epilepsy
 - d. Stroke
 - e. Brain tumors
 - f. Leukemia
 - g. Neuroimmunological disorders (Multiple Sclerosis, Neuromyelitis Optica)
 - h. Cardiology
 - i. Multicultural/bilingual
2. Rehabilitation:
 - a. Concussion/mild traumatic brain injury
 - b. Moderate to severe traumatic brain injury
 - c. Spina bifida
 - d. Hydrocephalus
 - e. Cerebral palsy
 - f. CNS infections

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 at Denver Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) and the Divisions of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine. Field placement students (Externs) are supervised by pediatric neuropsychologists to conduct outpatient neuropsychological evaluations.

Type of clients served on this externship

Children and adolescents, ages ranging from birth to early adulthood, and their families served in Children's Hospital Colorado Departments of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine. Clients are representative of the Denver Metropolitan Area in terms of race and ethnicity.

During the rotation in Neurology, there may be opportunities to complete bilingual evaluations based on the trainee's experience and level of Spanish proficiency as well as the availability of the bilingual supervisors. Please specify if you are interested in pursuing this specific area of training in your cover letter.

Supervision

The goal of supervision is to support the extern during exposure to new patient populations and assessment tools, as well as guidance in interpretation/integration of neuropsychological data and report writing. Outpatient neuropsychological evaluations have an in-vivo supervision component in which the trainee works closely with the supervisor on the day of the evaluation. The extern will participate in at least 1 hour of individual supervision per week with his/her Neuropsychology Supervisor. Additional supervision and consultation will be provided as needed.

Supervised by: Pediatric neuropsychologists within the Divisions of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine

Neuropsychology Supervision format: Individual Small Group

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

Number of Neuropsychology trainees: 3 postdoctoral fellows, 1 psychology intern, 1 field placement extern

Number of hours/week externs work: 20

Pay: None at this time

Contact Information:

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Division of Neurology Faculty

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