

Psychology Externship Training Program

Neuropsychology Rotation

2019-2020

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 Slots: 1

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week

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

Dates: June 24, 2019- June 19, 2020

Please note: MANDATORY ORIENTATION is held during the first two weeks of the externship. Please block your schedule accordingly, make arrangements with current supervisors and plan to be in town.

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 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 24, 2019 and the following two weeks for MANDATORY ORIENTATION
- completion of the attestation form with signature
- trainees 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
5. Supplemental neuropsychology application form

Emailed by February 4, 2019 at 5pm to the following:

1. Christa Hutaff-Lee, PhD, ABPP-CN Training Director for Externship in Pediatric Neuropsychology in the Division of Neurology
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Recruitment Timeline

February 4, 2019, 5pm:	Application deadline
February 11 - 27 th , 2019:	Interviews scheduled
March 4 - 8 th , 2019:	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. 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 may also have the opportunity to attend seizure surgery conference and participate in Wada testing (sodium amytal testing) and cortical mapping. Opportunities to observe neurosurgery are also available, if requested.

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.



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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: 3-4 postdoctoral fellows, 1 psychology intern, 1-2 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

Gretchen M. Berrios-Siervo, Psy.D., ABPP/CN is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the University Of Colorado School Of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Berrios-Siervo sees a wide variety of medical and neurological patients with cognitive concerns through the outpatient service. She has a strong interest in the neurocognitive profiles of children with focal and generalized epilepsies. She provides consultation to Tuberous Sclerosis Clinic in Neurology. Furthermore, Dr. Berrios-Siervo is Spanish-English bilingual and has interests in the assessment and evaluation of bilingual and multicultural children. Dr. Berrios-Siervo received her bachelor's degree (psychology) from Miami University and her doctoral degree from Carlos Albizu University in Clinical Psychology. She completed an internship in pediatric psychology/neuropsychology at Miami Children's Hospital and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Dr. Berrios-Siervo became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2016.

Richard Boada, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a pediatric neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Boada is on the training committee for the APA approved clinical psychology internship program based in the Department of Psychiatry. He is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. He has an interest in epilepsy, stroke, and neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD, dyslexia, and language impairment. He is part of the stroke and epilepsy teams, as well as with the eXtraordinary Kids Clinic, a program for children with sex chromosome aneuploidy. Dr. Boada is involved in clinical research with each of these populations. He also works collaboratively with faculty at the University of Denver and the University of Colorado Boulder studying the genetic and cognitive bases for the comorbidity among various developmental learning disabilities and ADHD. Dr. Boada is a certified speech-language pathologist as well as clinical neuropsychologist. He is bilingual and performs evaluations with Spanish speaking children and adolescents. Dr. Boada received his bachelor's degree (Biology) from the University of Virginia, and a master's degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Pittsburgh. He obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical

Psychology from the University of Denver, with an emphasis in Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience. He completed his internship and two-year post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Boada became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2007.

Christa Hutaff-Lee, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Hutaff-Lee serves as the Training Director for the Externship Program in Pediatric Neuropsychology in the Division of Neurology, and participates in the training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. She currently participates in a variety of inter-disciplinary clinics including the Neuroimmunology Clinic for Children for patients with neuroimmunological disorders, the Helping Oncology Patients Excel (HOPE) program for pediatric cancer survivors and the Turner Syndrome clinic at Children's Hospital Colorado. She is interested in the neurocognitive profiles of children with pediatric demyelinating and autoimmune disorders, pediatric brain tumor, cancer, and hematological disorders, and genetic disorders. She is particularly interested in educational and therapeutic interventions for children with neurological and genetic disorders, as well as potential factors affecting performance during neuropsychological evaluations. She is actively involved in a number of research projects in these areas, and currently serves as a co-principal investigator on a grant funded by the Cancer League of Colorado. Dr. Hutaff-Lee received her bachelor's degree (psychology) from the University of Denver and completed her doctoral degree at the University of Northern Colorado. She completed a predoctoral internship in neuropsychology at Children's Hospital Colorado and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Hutaff-Lee became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2018.

Jennifer Janusz, Psy.D., ABPP/CN, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Janusz is the Training Director for the Neuropsychology Program, overseeing the Neuropsychology Rotation for the Internship Program, as well as the APPCN-approved fellowship program in Pediatric Neuropsychology. Dr. Janusz is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Janusz has an interest in the neurocognitive profile of children with genetic disorders. She provides consultation to the 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Clinic, as well as to the eXtraordinary Kids Clinic, a program for children with sex chromosome aneuploidy. Furthermore, Dr. Janusz is the Program Director of the Neurofibromatosis Program, an inter-disciplinary program serving children with Neurofibromatosis Type 1. Dr. Janusz is involved in clinical research with these populations and has previous Department of Defense funding for studies investigating the cognitive development of children with NF1. Dr. Janusz is actively involved in promoting board certification in neuropsychology. She was a founding member of BRAIN (Be Ready for ABPP in Neuropsychology), a national group committed to providing resources to qualified neuropsychologists interested in pursuing board certification, and served on the leadership board of this committee. She also organized national study groups for the written exam. Dr. Janusz received her bachelor's degree (psychology) from American University and her doctoral degree from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology. She completed an internship in pediatric psychology/neuropsychology at Children's Hospital of Michigan and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Nationwide Children's Hospital/ Ohio State University. Dr. Janusz became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2004.

Arianna Martin, Psy.D. is an Instructor of Pediatrics and Neurology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Martin's clinical interests include children and adolescents with various neurological and medical conditions including focal and generalized epilepsy, pediatric brain tumor and cancers, hematological disorders, and genetic disorders. Her research interests involve examining cognitive factors (e.g., executive function) among pediatric populations and its impact on overall behavioral, academic and social outcomes in an effort to develop targeted interventions. Dr. Martin is bilingual and has interests in the assessment of Spanish speaking children and adolescents. Dr. Martin received her bachelor's degree (Psychology and Computer Science) from Claremont McKenna College. She received her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the PGSP-Stanford Psy.D. Consortium. She completed her internship in pediatric psychology at Children's Hospital of Orange County and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Children's National Health System.

Andrea S. Miele, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Miele has primary clinical interests in the neurocognitive profiles of children with neuromuscular disease as well as neurocutaneous/genetic disorders. She also devotes a portion of her time working with children with metabolic disorders, epilepsy, and those who are preparing for, or who have already undergone, bone marrow transplant for hematology-oncology disease. Dr. Miele is also involved in several local and international research projects investigating neurocognition. Specifically, Dr. Miele is a Co-Investigator for on Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation project examining the relationship between early vaccination against pneumococcal disease and later academic and scholastic outcomes in children in the Philippines. At Children's Hospital Colorado, Dr. Miele is actively working with several physicians on projects using quantitative MRI to determine structural changes that underlie cognitive processes and may alter developmental trajectories in focal epilepsy and hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy. Finally, she enjoys clinical training with externs, interns, and post-doctoral fellows, and has formed a research externship for graduate students. Dr. Miele received her bachelor's degree (psychology with a biopsychology concentration) from the College of the Holy Cross and her doctoral degree from the University at Albany, State University of New York. She completed an internship in combined child and adult neuropsychology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and a two-year fellowship in combined pediatric and adult neuropsychology at Brown University.

Greta N. Wilkening, Psy.D, M.Ed, ABPP/CN and Pediatric Neuropsychology, is a Professor of Pediatrics and the director of the Pediatric Neuropsychology Program, and the Neurodevelopmental Research Core. She has been active nationally, and is a former secretary, treasurer and program chair of the National Academy of Neuropsychology as well as former president of the Colorado Neuropsychological Society and President of the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology Foundation. She has been a member of the Pediatric Neurology faculty at the University of Colorado School Of Medicine since 1981, when she initiated development of the Neuropsychology program. Her major clinical foci are neuropsychological outcomes in children with brain neoplasms, and epilepsy, though she has been active in the assessment of children with strokes, neurofibromatosis, urea cycle disorders, and those who are long term survivors of other neoplastic disorders. Her current research projects include diverse populations; children with brain tumors, urea cycle disorders, liver disease, seizures and long term follow-up of individuals with diabetes. She is interested in the development of paradigms for assessment that will remain pertinent in the 21st century. Dr. Wilkening has trained many students at all levels; prior trainees are actively involved in practice and research in neuropsychology.

Kelly Wolfe, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Division of Neurology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Wolfe is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Wolfe has clinical and research interests in the neuropsychological sequelae of congenital heart disease and heart transplantation. She provides consultation to the Single Ventricle Care Program, an interdisciplinary follow-up clinic for children who have undergone the Fontan procedure, and is involved in projects examining the effects of hypoxia on brain development in congenital heart disease. She is the director of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Follow-Up Program at CHCO, and also the secretary of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative, an international, multidisciplinary organization focused on optimizing neurodevelopmental outcomes for individuals with pediatric and congenital heart disease through clinical, quality, and research initiatives. Dr. Wolfe received her bachelor's degree (Psychology and Spanish double major) from Gonzaga University, and her doctoral degree in Medical/Clinical Psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She completed her internship and post-doctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology at Nationwide Children's Hospital/The Ohio State University.

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine Faculty

David Baker, Psy.D., ABPP/CN is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and is a board certified Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Baker is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. Dr. Baker has specific clinical interest in patients diagnosed with cerebral palsy (CP), as well as mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI)/concussion and other types of acquired brain injuries (e.g., moderate to severe TBI). He is currently the Concussion Program's school outreach liaison and has provided education, training, and consultation to various school districts across the state. Dr. Baker received his bachelor's degrees (English Literature and Journalism) from University of Colorado at Boulder and his doctoral degree from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology. He completed an internship in pediatric psychology/neuropsychology at Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at University of Utah and Primary Children's Medical Center.

Amy Connery, Psy.D., ABPP/CN is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Connery is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. She provides clinical services in the Concussion Program, the Nonaccidental Brain Injury Care Clinic, and the International Adoption Clinic. Dr. Connery is involved in clinical research of mild traumatic brain injury. She is co-investigator on a NIH project researching postnatal Zika infection in Guatemala and is also co-investigator on a grant assessing the impact of a parent-child mental health intervention in abusive brain injury. She is a mentor for those preparing for board certification in clinical neuropsychology. Dr. Connery received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Loyola University of Chicago and her doctoral degree from The Wright Institute in Berkeley, California. She completed an internship at the University of California, San Francisco, a one year postdoctoral fellowship at Children's Hospital and Research Center in

Oakland and a two year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at the Neurodevelopment Center in Salt Lake City, Utah and the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, Idaho. Dr. Connery became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2009. She received the pediatric subspecialty designation in 2014.

Nicole Eberle, Ph.D. is a Pediatric Neuropsychologist and serves as a Psychologist for the Rehabilitation Psychology Program within the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Eberle is responsible for providing both individual and group clinical services for children and teens with medical concerns including TBI, Concussion, Spina Bifida, and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Dr. Eberle leads an adolescent group for teens with a history of Concussion. She also is an adjunct professor for the University of Denver and is currently teaching a course on pediatric neuropsychological assessment. In addition, Dr. Eberle has a private practice in Fort Collins and provides consultation for the graduate program in the Department of Psychology at Colorado State University regarding neuropsychological assessment. Dr. Eberle received her bachelor's degree (psychology) and doctoral degree (counseling psychology) from Colorado State University from Colorado State University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychological Assessment at Advanced Neurobehavioral Health of Southern California in San Diego. She is currently a candidate for board certification in Clinical Neuropsychology.

Michael Kirkwood, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, is an Associate Clinical Professor through the University of Colorado School of Medicine and board certified Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Kirkwood is the Director of the Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Psychology/Neuropsychology Program and Co-Director of the hospital's Concussion Program, a high-volume multidisciplinary service that sees over 1,500 children and adolescents annually. His primary research and clinical interests focus on pediatric traumatic brain injury and pediatric validity testing. He has served on multiple boards of directors and national expert panels and has been invited to lecture nationally and internationally. He has an active research program and has received funding from numerous federal and state agencies. He has authored over 50 scientific articles and book chapters and is the author/editor of 4 books. Dr. Kirkwood is actively committed to teaching, as well as promoting board certification. He has been training postdoctoral fellows, interns, externs, and allied health professionals for nearly 15 years. He is an author of a "how to" book on board certification in neuropsychology and is an editor of another volume focused on preparing candidates for the neuropsychology board certification written exam. He was a founding member of BRAIN (Be Ready for ABPP in Neuropsychology), a national group supporting neuropsychologists interested in pursuing board certification. He is currently serving on the Pediatric Neuropsychology Subspecialization Committee of the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology. Dr. Kirkwood received his bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and doctoral degree from DePaul University. He completed internship in pediatric psychology/neuropsychology at Nationwide Children's Hospital / The Ohio State University and a two-year fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at Boston Children's Hospital / Harvard Medical School.

Robin L. Peterson, Ph.D., ABPP/CN is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Peterson is involved in the supervision and training of externs, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. Her clinical and research interests include understanding outcomes from various acquired and developmental conditions, especially mild to severe traumatic brain injury and language-based learning disorders. She is actively involved in several ongoing research projects and serves as a co-Investigator with the NIH-funded Colorado Learning Disabilities Research Center. Dr. Peterson received her bachelor's degree in psychology and biology from Harvard University. She completed a Master's in Education and worked as an elementary school teacher before pursuing doctoral training in clinical child psychology. She completed her PhD through University of Denver, her internship through Children's Hospital Colorado, and a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology through University of Denver and Children's Hospital Colorado/University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. Dr. Peterson became board certified in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology in 2015.

Sarah Tlustos-Carter, Ph.D. is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and serves as a Pediatric Neuropsychologist in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Children's Hospital Colorado. Dr. Tlustos-Carter is involved in the supervision and training of interns and postdoctoral fellows. She provides clinical neuropsychological services on the inpatient Neurotrauma/Rehabilitation unit and conducts outpatient evaluations for children with a variety of medical and neurological conditions through the Neuropsychology program and with the M.O.R.E (Multidisciplinary Outpatient Rehabilitation Evaluation) team. Her research interests include cognitive and social-emotional outcomes following moderate to severe TBI and other acquired brain injuries. Dr. Tlustos-Carter received her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Visual Arts through the University of Northern Colorado. She then attended University of Cincinnati where she received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology with emphases in neuropsychology and child psychology. She completed her internship through Children's Hospital Colorado and a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology through University of Denver and Children's Hospital Colorado/University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine.