Children's Hospital Colorado offers a psychology externship training program in Pediatric Psychology with consultation in Pediatric Urology. 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.

**Time Commitment:** 12-15 hours per week

**Required:** Wednesday 9am-2pm & Fridays 10am-5pm

**Dates:** June 26, 2017 - June 22, 2018

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 to be available for the entire 2 week period, not just your typical schedule.

**Number of Slots:** 1

**Requirements:**
- be enrolled in at least the 4th year of an APA accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical, Counseling, Health, or School Psychology
- have completed at least one year of CHCO’s Child Clinical Psychology: Assessment & Treatment Externship (or have previous experiences in a pediatric setting)
- 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 26, 2017 and the following two weeks for MANDATORY ORIENTATION
- have completed 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

Emailed by February 6, 2017 by 5pm to the following:
1. Cindy Buchanan, PhD
   Email: Cindy.Buchanan@childrenscolorado.org
2. Christine McDunn, PhD, Associate Director of Training, Psychology
   Email: Christine.McDunn@childrenscolorado.org

**Recruitment Timeline**

February 6, 2017, 5pm: Application deadline
February 7 - March 3, 2017: Interviews scheduled
March 3rd- 17th, 2017: 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 surgery outpatient clinics, co-facilitating support groups
for parents and children with complex urologic issues, short-term treatment with patients/families during hospitalization after surgery, and development of psychological resources/materials for patients and families. There is also an opportunity for spearheading a quality improvement project with pediatric urology 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 surgery departments
3. Communication of data and recommendations for continued care or treatment of patients in pediatric urology and surgery
4. Co-facilitation of support groups for parents and children with complex urologic issues
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, and the Division of Pediatric Urology.

**Type of clients served on this externship**

Children and adolescents, ages 0-21, and their families served in Children’s Hospital Colorado Departments of Pediatric Urology and Pediatric Surgery. Patients are representative of the Denver Metropolitan Area in terms of race and ethnicity.

**Supervised by:** Cindy Buchanan, PhD

**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:** 1 psychology intern, 1 field placement extern

**Number of hours/week externs work:** 12-15

**Pay:**

None at this time

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**Supervising Faculty**

Cindy Buchanan, PhD 2008, University of Kansas

Primary Programs – Pediatric Psychologist in Urology, Surgery & Solid Organ Transplant

- Interdisciplinary collaboration in medical settings
- Psychology training and supervision
- Addressing quality of life, coping, adjustment, adherence, and health behavior change in pediatric chronic illness