

PSYCHOLOGY EXTERNSHIPS AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

About the Training Site:

- St. Mary's Hospital for Children is a 97 bed inpatient rehabilitation facility serving children ages 0-18 with chronic medical conditions, often complicated by developmental disabilities and social, emotional, and/or behavioral problems.
- We are an affiliate of the NY Presbyterian Healthcare System.
- Our main facility and training site is located in Bayside, Queens.
- Our specialty programs include:
 - The only certified Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Program in New York City.
 - A nationally-recognized program in Pediatric Pain Management and Palliative/End of Life Care.
 - Multidisciplinary programs to address problems with adherence to chronic illness regimens (such as Diabetes, Asthma, HIV, and morbid obesity complicated by medical illness).

Clinical Externships:

We currently sponsor two clinical externship experiences, described below. We will consider students enrolled in doctoral programs in Clinical, School, and/or Counseling Psychology. Initial coursework in psychopathology, psychological assessment, and psychotherapy is assumed, as is interest in training in a pediatric setting.

Neuropsychology

Supervisor: Paul Berger-Gross, Ph.D.

Primary Experience:

Neuro- psychological Assessment

- Chart and history review.
- Evaluation of Intelligence, attention, memory, perception, language, educational skills, personality functioning.
- Report preparation.

Secondary Experiences: Psychological Interventions in Pediatric TBI

- Cognitive Remediation
- Individual Therapy, Behavioral Assessment/ Behavior Plan development.
- Participation in Special Education process (CSE meetings, etc)
- Biofeedback for muscular re-education, attention training, or pain relief.
- Research participation in Constraint-induced Movement Therapy trial
- Child Advocacy/family support activities.

Chronic Illness Management

Supervisor: Dawn Cuglietto, Psy.D.

Primary Experience: Psychological Interventions in Chronic Medical Illness:

- Weekly psychotherapy for 3-4 children admitted for chronic illness non-adherence, rehabilitation, or weight management; family therapy as indicated.
- Participation in multidisciplinary team meetings.
- Assist in behavioral milieu activities: co-lead group therapy sessions, weekly patient community meetings, and assist in the management of the patient behavior modification/ token economy system.

Secondary Experiences: Psychological Assessment:

- Assessment of cognitive, academic, and personality functioning to inform education about chronic illness.
- Psychological Pain Assessment.

- The rotations are typically designed to be completed in two or more full days per week over a two-semester period.
- Individual supervision will be provided for 1 hour/week minimum, in addition to live supervision that will be provided (particularly) during the first semester of the rotation.
- Opportunities for participation in multidisciplinary educational meetings and didactic training will also be facilitated.

New for 2006--Research Externship:

St. Mary's is developing a program of multidisciplinary research, under the direction of psychology staff. Clinical research and program evaluation activities are currently being conducted in

- Palliative/end of life care and pain management
- Family-centered approaches to service delivery
- Intensive behavioral Approaches to rehabilitative treatment of children with Acquired Brain Injury.
- Facilitating children's adjustment to their medical condition through brief psychological interventions targeting children's understanding of their medical condition.

Psychology graduate students interested in any of the above research areas are invited to contact the Program Director to inquire about research training opportunities.

To apply: Please send a copy of your curriculum vita (CV), at least one letter of reference (which could be from your program director), and a writing sample (i.e. test report, treatment summary, etc) to:

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Please mail, fax, or e-mail materials by the Friday January 19th.

Please specify your preferred rotation/externship.

We will begin interviewing candidates for the 2007-2008 academic year during the last week of January, 2007.