**Description:** This externship is ideally suited for advanced practicum students seeking further comprehensive training in an exciting combination of behavioral medicine/pediatric psychology and integrated primary care. Clinical activities will be carried out under direct supervision of Dr. Julie Heier, PhD (pediatric psychologist). Children who come to our program have complex, systemic, medical problems, followed by three or more medical subspecialties (e.g., neurology, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology), have frequent or prolonged hospitalizations, and use mechanical devices to treat their conditions.

Complex Care strives to optimize quality of life and the patient experience by providing continuity, coordination and consistency of care for patients and families in the pediatric medical home. Physicians, psychologists, nurse practitioners, and social workers work collaboratively to address complex problems faced by these patients and families. Presenting issues include youth coping with chronic illness, family coping and adjustment with treatment, caregiver support, sleep, treatment adherence to complex medical regimens, school learning problems and support, behavior challenges, palliative care, and transition to adult care readiness. Opportunities to work with siblings of youth with chronic illness also available. Developmental screening and assessment may also be available pending extern interest. Externs with interest in learning pediatric psychology interventions (CHIRP) and acceptance and commitment therapy with parents are encouraged to apply.

The externship consists of clinical training in direct clinical care of patients and families including consultation, short-term follow up therapy, and multidisciplinary collaboration. As desired, opportunities are available to participate in new program development and transition to adulthood planning available.

**Qualifications:** Formal coursework in child development as well as clinical experience with children and adolescents are required. Experience working clinically with medically ill populations is preferred, but not required.

**Location:** Children’s National Hospital, 111 Michigan Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20010

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**To Apply:** Please email a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, one letter of reference to: Julie Heier, PhD, Psychologist, Whole Bear Care: Primary Care Behavioral Health Services

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