



Kennedy Krieger Institute

Psychiatric Mental Health Program 2022-2023 Externship in Health Services Psychology

The Psychiatric Mental Health Program (PMHP) is accepting three clinical pre-doctoral psychology externs for the 2022-2023 academic year. PMHP is an outpatient mental health clinic in a specialty pediatric and rehabilitation hospital at Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI). Located in Baltimore, PMHP is dedicated to providing high quality, culturally relevant, consumer driven and comprehensive services for children and families facing complex psychiatric, medical and developmental challenges. Central to the mission are treatment, training and research in a multidisciplinary setting. Clients range from elementary school age to young adulthood. Training at PMHP strongly supports and encourages the utilization of evidence-based and evidence-informed practice in all clinical work.

Activities for externs include:

- Psychodiagnostic Experience:** Externs will learn to compete diagnostic evaluations using standardized methodology and incorporating various measures. Assessment of autism related concerns is also available. Externs will receive supervision with a licensed psychologist to develop skills on complex presentations, diagnostic clarification and differential diagnoses.
- Therapy Experience:** Externs will carry a minimum of three therapy cases during the externship year and will receive 1-2 hours of supervision per week. Cases will range from treating mood disorders, challenging behaviors and caregiver training. Supervision with a licensed psychologist is included for all clinical activities.
- Didactic Seminar:** Externs have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of seminars on topics including psychotherapy, psychological assessment, psychiatric research and developmental disabilities.
- Tuesday is a **required** training day for a minimum of 16 hours per week.

Optional activities include a variety of didactic experiences that are based on individual needs, interests, and time. Current offerings include: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy consultation, Exposure Response Prevention, Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics, Gender Diversity consultation, co-leading psychotherapy groups and parent management training groups. In addition, externs can participate in specialized seminars on neuropsychological assessment through the Department of Neuropsychology at KKI. Some of these training activities may require additional time commitments.

This is an advanced training experience delivered by clinical psychologists who possess strong backgrounds in treatment, assessment and research. Students are expected to be entering their third year or above of an APA approved doctoral psychology program. A commitment to hard work is necessary but the trainee will be rewarded with a great deal of clinical experience and knowledge.

Applicants are encouraged to submit materials electronically. Interested students should submit a letter of interest, resume, letter of reference, and an optional de-identified psychological evaluation report by February 15, 2022 in a single email to:

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