Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital

General Information about all Externships & Application process:
The externships at MWPH are moving towards a yearlong placement, and preference will be
given to applicants that prefer a yearlong externship, although opportunities to engage in a 9
month externship are available if space permits. The yearlong training experience will start in
early July, while the 9 month training experience begins in late August. Please apply by February
15. Interviews will be held in February and March. Please email your CV, two letters of
recommendation, and a cover letter to Jill Gatzke, Psy.D. at jgatzke@mwph.org. A sample of
written work may be requested as part of the application process. Please no phone calls.
Preference will also be given to applicants with experience working with children.

Please indicate in your cover letter whether you are interested in a 9 or 12 month placement.
Please also indicate your track of interest in your cover letter, and if you are applying to more
than one track (which also includes if you apply to the neuropsychology externship at MWPH),
please rank your preference of tracks.

Track 1: General Outpatient Externship
The psychology externship program at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital is a 9-month or 12-
month training experience in clinical and pediatric psychology. The hospital is a specialty and
rehabilitation hospital, and is co-owned and co-operated by the University of Maryland and Johns
Hopkins. The externship includes two major aspects – outpatient therapy and psychological
testing. However, there is the opportunity to focus solely on one aspect during your externship, as
you can indicate interest in solely providing therapy, only doing psychological assessments, or
being involved in both training opportunities. The number of placements allotted for each
specialty area will depend on interest and space. Externs carry an outpatient therapy caseload
consisting of children and adolescents ranging from ages 4 to 18 with diverse backgrounds and
presenting problems. Externs are also involved in all aspects of testing, including intakes,
administration, report-writing, and feedback sessions. Weekly individual supervision will be
provided, as well as group supervision and didactics. The externship program at MWPH is a 20
hour per week commitment. You are expected to be on site for 16 hours per week. The additional
4 hours can be spent at your discretion to complete paperwork and can be completed off-
site. Friday is a required day due to testing clinic and didactics.

Track 2: Autism Program Externship
The Autism Spectrum Center (ASC) within the Division of Pediatric Psychology &
Neuropsychology at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital offers externships focusing on the areas
of consultation, assessment, and treatment of children and adolescents with autism spectrum
disorders. Externs in this position will be expected to provide direct assessment services to
patients, provide therapeutic services to children, adolescents and families, and potentially
co-lead social skills groups. Weekly individual supervision will be provided, as well as opportunities
for group supervision, didactics, and observation of ADOS-2 administrations (as well as
opportunities to administer and code the ADOS-2 with faculty). The extern will need to be
available on one required day to be determined based on extern/faculty availability, as well as a
second day, which can be determined based on extern preference/availability. The externship
program at MWPH is a 20 hours per week commitment. Students are expected to be on site for 16
hours per week; the additional 4 hours can be spent at the extern’s discretion to complete
paperwork which can be done off-site.

Track 3: Pediatric Feeding Disorders Program
The Division of Pediatric Psychology and Neuropsychology at MWPH is seeking an extern to work with a multidisciplinary pediatric feeding team. The pediatric feeding team includes a Gastroenterologist, Nurse Practitioners, Dietitians, Speech therapists, and Occupational Therapists, and treats primarily young children with failure to thrive and children avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder. The extern will have the opportunity to participate in initial evaluations, behavioral consultation to speech therapists and occupational therapists, individual therapy cases, and participate in feeding day treatment sessions. Typical co-morbid diagnoses include children with developmental delays, anxiety, and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Primary presenting problems include food selectivity, g-tube dependence, food anxiety, and disruptive mealtime behaviors. Training in protocol development and implementation, behavioral management, and reinforcement contingencies will be provided. Applicants should have experience in child clinical or pediatric psychology. Weekly individual supervision will be provided, including opportunities for live supervision. If externs are scheduled to work on Thursdays, they will additionally have the opportunity to participate in weekly multidisciplinary feeding rounds, follow-up clinic, and family meetings. Preference will be given to advanced applicants. Trainees will be expected to be present for two days per week with a set schedule. The externship in the feeding program at MWPH is a 20 hour per week commitment. You are expected to be on site for at least 16 hours per week; the specific days are flexible. Opportunities for a split externship are also available for trainees interested in splitting their commitment between feeding and another program, such as Autism or General Outpatient.

**Track 4: Weigh Smart Program**
The Division of Pediatric Psychology and Neuropsychology at MWPH is seeking to fill Psychology Externship positions in our obesity program, Weigh Smart® Program. The Weigh Smart® Program is an interdisciplinary clinic, individual and group based pediatric weight management program, where psychology works closely with medicine, nutrition and physical therapy to coordinate care. This position provides supervised clinic, group and individual therapy experiences with children (2-18 years) and families in the Weigh Smart® Program. The extern will participate in the assessment for triaging in our evaluation clinic, actively lead groups, and provide direct treatment to children and families of obese children. The position provides one hour of individual supervision and in clinic live and group supervision as well. A licensed psychologist is present during the evaluation clinic for immediate supervision opportunities. This position is open to advanced externs from APA approved doctoral programs. Applicants should have a background in behavioral, as well as cognitive-behavioral assessment/treatment, and experience in clinical child and/or pediatric psychology. The externship program at MWPH is a 20 hours per week commitment. You are expected to be on site for 16 hours per week. The additional 4 hours can be spent at your discretion to complete paperwork and can be completed off-site. Mondays have to be one of the days you can be here.

**Track 5: Neuropsychology**
Please contact Dr. Joseph Cleary at jcleary@mwph.org for more information regarding this externship opportunity.

Sincerely,

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