

Pediatric Psychology Externship at PSV

About PSV: Pediatric Specialists of Virginia (PSV) is a non-profit outpatient pediatric medical specialty practice, created in 2013 as a joint venture between *Children's National Hospital* and *Inova Health System*, to care for children in the northern Virginia and surrounding areas. PSV has continued to grow and currently offers 6 different medical specialty services. Many of our physicians are recognized as "Top Docs" by *Washingtonian* and *Northern Virginia Magazine*.

Description: The Psychology Department at PSV is pleased to offer a clinical externship opportunity to clinical psychology doctoral students for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year. This externship is ideally suited for advanced students seeking training in pediatric psychology. Our team, consisting of 2 pediatric psychologists who work in consultation with the Gastroenterology Division. Clinical experiences are as follows:

1. Outpatient psychotherapy with children/adolescents and their families. Typical caseload is 6-8 patients per week. Externs will primarily work with referrals for patients diagnosed with functional abdominal pain in order to provide short term CBT strategies as well as behavioral modification for the treatment of constipation/encopresis.
2. Support departmental endeavors to expand current depression screening protocol for chronic illnesses in gastroenterology departments.
3. Consult with medical team members.

Qualifications: Prior practicum experience in child or adolescent therapy is required. Exposure to other medical settings is also desirable but not a prerequisite.

Time Requirements: Two days per week. One day externship opportunities may also be available.

Number of positions being offered: 1

Location: Main Site: 3023 Hamaker Ct, Ste 600, Fairfax, VA 22031

Please note: Depending on ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, some or all treatment will continue to be provided via telemedicine

To Apply: Please email a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two letters of reference to: Anita Vitale, Ph.D., at AVitale@psvcare.org by **Friday February 2nd, 2024**.