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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide information about the application process for our clinical psychology externship. We serve a very diverse group of patients, and we believe our training rotations can greatly enhance your students' training experience. This is our application process and training forecast for the upcoming 2019-2020 class of externs. Please forward the information to your interested students, and let me know if there are any more questions I can answer.

Cover letters, CVs/resumes and a writing sample from a previous psychological testing report are due by January 25, 2019 to Dr. Pamela Smith, Psychology Training Director. Please have students email their application materials to Dr. Pamela Smith at the following email address:

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While the externships offered will be in Adult and/or Child Outpatient Behavioral Health, the following is a list of our departments of which there may be additional opportunities for training:

a. Department of Adult Behavioral Health
b. Department of Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health
c. The Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (CAPHP)
d. Department of Social Work (this rotation may extend for the full year)
e. Department of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
f. Co-Occurring Partial Hospitalization (COOPH)
g. Department of Adult In-Patient (4N)
h. Department of Child In-Patient (4S)
i. Department of Addictions Medicine (28-day Residential Treatment Center).

Timeframe:
Our academic/training year runs from September through May with students generally beginning during the week of Labor Day. We also have opportunities to begin in the summer and or complete a shorter summer rotation.

Responsibilities:
Externs are expected to devote 16-20hrs/week on this externship. We are an advanced externship site (applicants must have already completed a one year externship at another site which included both therapy and assessment). Applicants will be expected to conduct intake interviews and individual therapy, and complete assessments. There are opportunities to co-lead groups as well. All externs are required to attend didactic seminars on Fridays from 1pm to 3pm as well as treatment team from 1530-1630 on Fridays. Individual and group supervision will be conducted by the Psychology training director as well as other licensed Clinical Psychologists. Didactic training will be conducted by the Psychology Training director and faculty from Psychology, Psychiatry, and Social Work. Outside Speakers will also be brought in for some of the didactics.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

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