PEDIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Psychology Externship Training Program

Child Clinical Psychology Rotation

2027-2028

Children's Hospital Colorado/University of Colorado School of Medicine offers a psychology externship training program in Child Clinical Psychology. Clinical responsibilities include 4 therapy appointments per week, 1 diagnostic intake evaluation every 2-3 weeks, and 1 group therapy training experience. Child clinical externs also complete 2, 6-month subspecialty rotations in various settings in the hospital; opportunities vary each year, but options include training on higher levels of psychiatric care, medical inpatient units, and outpatient medical clinics. Externs have 2-3 hours of weekly individual and group supervision and 1 hour of weekly didactics. Weekly didactic training includes relevant topics in child clinical and pediatric psychology. We encourage inquiries and applications from all qualified individuals. Please see the requirements below.

Number of Positions: 7

Time Commitment: 20 hours per week (2, 10-hour days)

- Required - Mondays: 9am-7pm
- Choice - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays: 8am-6pm

Dates: August 2, 2027 – May 31, 2028

*Please note: MANDATORY ORIENTATION is held during the first week of the externship.

*End date may be flexible based on supervisor and training director approval.

Requirements:

- be enrolled in at least the 3rd year of an APA-accredited Doctoral Program in Clinical, Counseling, Clinical Health, or School Psychology (must be at least a 2nd year at the time of application)
- have completed coursework in child and/or adolescent assessment and treatment
- have experience with child and/or adolescent assessment and treatment
- have proof of malpractice coverage: must be provided by the extern's training institution or by the extern
- be available to start the externship on June 21, 2027

**Those applicants selected for externship will be subject to drug screening and criminal background checks (there may be associated costs so speak with your program as these fees are not covered by CHCO). Unacceptable results on the criminal background check or drug screening will result in dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

A completed application consists of the following materials:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. 2 letters of recommendation
4. Attestation of Professional Conduct
5. Extern Application Face sheet

Emailed by *February 1, 2027* at *5pm* to the following:

1. CHCO Psychology Training Program email
   Email: CHCOPsychTrainingprogram@childrenscolorado.org
2. If you have questions, please email Kelbie Burdis-Beers, Operations Coordinator
   Email: Kelbie.Burdis-Beers@childrenscolorado.org

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Recruitment Timeline

February 1, 2027 @ 5pm:	Application deadline (early submissions encouraged!)
February 4-19, 2027:	Interviews scheduled (early interviews available with early, complete submissions)
March 4, 2027:	Positions offered (prompt confirmation of acceptance/declination requested)

Supervision

The goal of supervision is to support the extern during exposure to new patient populations, assessment tools and intervention strategies, and to build feelings of competence and functional autonomy in areas of strength. Externs have 2-3 hours of weekly individual and group supervision. Additional supervision and consultation will be provided as needed. In addition, Spanish speaking externs are provided with Spanish supervision.

DUTIES OF PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEES

Psychology externs provide direct clinical care to children, adolescents, and families under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. Externs are expected to work part-time at twenty hours per week to gain both a range and depth of experience. Expectations include conducting one intake evaluation every 2-3 weeks, carrying a caseload of 4 weekly outpatients, co-facilitation of group therapy, and rotating through subspecialty locations throughout the hospital. Externs are required to be at CHCO on Mondays from 9am-7pm for didactic training, supervision, and to provide after school hours for therapy appointments. The second day on campus is for the extern to choose; however, a consistent second day on campus throughout the training commitment is preferred for continuity of training experiences. These duties are subject to change to meet the needs of the department and as training opportunities arise. Externs document all clinical contacts in the electronic medical record within 24 hours of contact, and their notes are co-signed by their supervisor. Externs must complete all hospital required background checks, training, and orientation activities.

Externship Components

Externs are exposed to a variety of treatment approaches, interventions, and modalities through instruction and observation to augment their previous clinical experiences. These training experiences are organized to provide direct clinical, assessment, and consultation experiences in child clinical and pediatric psychology.

1. Case and electronic medical record review
2. Initial intake assessment
3. Outpatient individual psychotherapy and group therapy
4. Consultation to various areas throughout the hospital
5. Communication of data and recommendations for continued care or treatment
6. Didactics: lectures and exposure to issues relevant to clinical and pediatric psychology

Services provided

This externship placement provides students with the opportunity to work in a regionally and nationally prominent pediatric health care facility affiliated with the Anschutz Medical Campus and the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Type of clients served on this externship

Children and adolescents, ages 3-18, and their families served in Children's Hospital Colorado Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science. Patients are representative of the Denver Metropolitan Area.

General Information:

Supervised by: Licensed Clinical Psychologists in the department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Kim Sheffield, PhD is track lead)

Theoretical Orientation: Evidence-based treatment with a significant focus on Cognitive-Behavioral and Behavioral treatment modalities

Supervision format: Individual; Group

Ratio of hours (supervision to clinical hours): 1:4

Number of psychology trainees on site: 10-12 postdoctoral fellows, 7 psychology interns, 15-20 field placement externs

Number of hours/week externs work for this rotation: 20

Pay: None currently

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