



Predoctoral Externship in Pediatric Neuropsychology

Columbia University Irving Medical Center and New York Presbyterian Hospital's (CUIMC/NYPH) Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry are accepting applications for the Pre-Doctoral Externship in Clinical Pediatric Neuropsychology beginning July 1st, 2024, based at the Promise Clinic. The mission of the Promise Clinic is to provide comprehensive neuropsychological assessment and advocacy to children and adolescents (ages 4-21) from marginalized and vulnerable communities in New York City. The Promise Clinic is currently staffed by post-doctoral fellows, bilingual education coordinators, a program manager, program coordinators, and supervising neuropsychologists. The clinic primarily evaluates individuals presenting with neurodevelopmental conditions, including Learning Disorders, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and behavioral/psychiatric difficulties. There are also opportunities to work with patients who present with various complex medical conditions such as pediatric cancers, sickle cell disease, seizure disorders, genetic disorders, and neonatal complications.

This externship program utilizes a developmental model to provide comprehensive and ethical multicultural neuropsychological services to meet the unique needs of our clients. Throughout the externship, an emphasis is placed on increasing trainees' awareness of diversity-related issues relevant to neuropsychological assessment and developing the capability to conduct culturally sensitive evaluations, which includes consideration of appropriate neuropsychological tests/norms for specific populations, careful diagnostic differentials, and expanding the trainee's case conceptualization to incorporate cultural, linguistic, and social factors. In addition, externs will learn to provide individualized and targeted recommendations regarding special education services/interventions that are specific to each case.

Externs regularly collaborate with multidisciplinary treatment teams, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, medical residents and fellows, physicians, educational advocates and lawyers, teachers, and other related service providers. Additionally, externs receive training in educational/legal advocacy, as well as how to interface and collaborate with community-based organizations and school systems, including conducting school observations and attending IEP meetings, when possible. Externs are supervised by licensed psychologists and doctoral level psychologists with oversight of supervision by a licensed psychologist. The extern will receive 1 hour per week with their primary clinical supervisor regarding evaluation cases and participate in 1-hour weekly group supervision/clinical team meetings. Externs will attend a weekly didactic seminar and periodically attend Child Psychiatry Grounds.

The externship will run from July 1st through June 30th. Externs are expected to complete 20 hours per week over 2.5 days, which is typically broken down into 2 days of clinical work/supervision and a ½ day to finalize documentation, work on report writing, and attend meetings and didactic seminars. Doctoral candidates must be enrolled in at least their 3rd year in an APA-accredited clinical or school psychology program, have experience of working with children and adolescents, and have knowledge of the DSM-5 and neuropsychological assessment. To apply, please email a letter of application/cover letter, CV, two letters of recommendation, and a deidentified assessment report (please submit in this order) to the portal as well as to Dr. Sonel Rowley, PhD, at ssr2142@cumc.columbia.edu and Cc Dr. Meghan Tomb, PhD, at mt2718@cumc.columbia.edu.

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