

CHLA Internship Admissions, Support, and Initial Placement Data

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Internship Program Admissions Information

Program Description:

The University of Southern California University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (USC UCEDD) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) offers a comprehensive Clinical Child Pediatric Psychology Doctoral Internship Training Program. This American Psychological Association (APA) accredited training program offers two required placements and one specialty placement in a variety of departments and clinical services. The two required clinical placements represent generalist skills of a child-focused psychologist: Child/Family Therapy and Psychological Assessment. The specialized placements focus on areas of CHLA specialty practice which currently include: Pediatric Psychology, Early Childhood Mental Health, Assessment Consultation and Evaluation, Trauma Psychology, and Adolescent Medicine. The training program is designed to prepare doctoral candidates to assume the role of a practicing professional in both the private and public sectors of mental health care and psychology practice. Through didactic lectures and seminars, intensive supervision, and ample direct patient contact, interns receive comprehensive experience in quality psychology training which engages them in psychological assessment treatment/therapy, consultation, and community involvement. The internship program provides training in the principles of psychology as applied to pediatric behavioral and developmental disorders through supervised experience in outpatient mental health clinics, community clinics and/or pediatric hospital units.

Program Requirements – Assessment and Intervention Hours:

Applicants must have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application:

- Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours: 400
- Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours: 100
- Although we prefer that you have the necessary hours accumulated prior to application, we will consider all applications in which candidates can demonstrate that they will meet minimum hour requirements by the beginning of the internship year.

Other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:

1. Applicants must be from APA or CPA accredited doctoral programs.
2. Applicants must have written at least three child or adolescent integrated psychological assessment reports.
3. Applicants must pass their academic program's comprehensive exams and be accepted into doctoral candidacy before the beginning of internship.

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Residents	\$36,000
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Residents	N/A
Program provides access to medical insurance for intern?	Yes
If access to medical insurance is provided:	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	No (For HMO)
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes
Coverage of domestic partner available?	Yes
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	10 days paid vacation (80 hours), 7 days paid holidays (56 hours)
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	6 days (48 hours)
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	Yes (Interns make up time at end of Internship)
Other Benefits (please describe):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 5 professional days (40 hours) 	

Initial Post-Internship Positions

(Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 cohorts graduating in 2017-2017)*

Initial Post-Residency Positions

Aggregated Tally for 2017 through 2019 graduating Cohorts)

	2016-2018	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	30	
Total # of interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree	0**	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center	1	
Federally qualified health center		
Independent primary care facility/clinic		
University counseling center		
Veterans Affairs medical center		
Military health center		
Academic health center	6	
Other medical center or hospital	16	
Psychiatric hospital		
Academic university/department	2	
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		
School district/system		1
Independent practice setting	3	1
Not currently employed		
Changed to another field		
Other		
Unknown		
Total	28	2

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.

* The 2019 Cohort graduate 6/30/2019

** In the period of this report 2 interns were not done with dissertations when internship ended, but 2 were able to seek immediate post internship positions and were not listed as "interns who did not seek employment because they returned to their doctoral program/are completing doctoral degree".