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Children's National Hospital (Children's National) offers a comprehensive internship program in child clinical and pediatric psychology to doctoral students in psychology. The internship program provides extensive training in the many roles and functions psychologists play in healthcare today. The intended result of this training is a broadly experienced child clinical/pediatric psychologist who can succeed in a variety of settings, including hospitals, clinics, universities or the broader community and with a variety of patient populations. The program strives to develop psychologists committed to enhancing access to healthcare, valuing cultural diversity, and advocating on behalf of the patients, families, and communities they serve. The APA-accredited internship at Children's National Hospital offers a *Major Area of Study* in which 100% of the interns' time is dedicated to training in clinical child/adolescent psychology and pediatric psychology, including didactics and clinical experiences. The internship is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association, initially earning accreditation in 1970 (American Psychological Association Office of Program Consultation and

Accreditation; [accreditation.apa.org](http://accreditation.apa.org); [apaaccred@apa.org](mailto:apaaccred@apa.org); (202) 336-5979).

The Division of Psychology and Behavioral Health of the Children's National Hospital is committed to improving the lives of children, adolescents, young adults and families through the provision of world class behavioral health care. Through respectful, culturally sensitive, and evidenced-based direct care we strive towards supporting youth and their families in the process of healing and maintaining overall wellness. Further, our faculty members are dedicated to serving the behavioral health needs of the larger community including efforts in clinically relevant child health research, advocacy, and training the next generation of psychology providers.

## THE INSTITUTION

Children's National is a non-profit institution incorporated in 1870. The mission of Children's National is to be preeminent in providing pediatric healthcare services that enhance the health and well-being of children regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Children's National also states that making diversity and inclusion a priority is critical to achieving their mission. Children's National Hospital is ranked the # 1 pediatric hospital in our region and one of the top 10 pediatric hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report. Through leadership and innovation, Children's National strives to create solutions to pediatric healthcare problems and promote health equity. Children's National works to create a culture that leverages our differences to achieve excellence. We promote and practice compassion, commitment and connection in order to create strong partnerships with the community, our staff members, our patients and their families. Children's National serves a diverse range of patients locally, nationally, and internationally.

The main hospital on the Sheikh Zayed Campus for Advanced Children's Medicine is located in Washington DC, adjacent to the Washington Hospital Center, National Rehabilitation Hospital, the Washington V.A. Hospital, Catholic University and Howard University. It is easily accessible from suburban areas. In addition, Children's National has satellite outpatient clinics in Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia, and is part of a complex of healthcare facilities for the entire Washington metropolitan area. Further information about the hospital and its programs is available at our website [www.childrensnational.org](http://www.childrensnational.org).

Psychology and Behavioral Health, led by Dr. Randi Streisand, and Neuropsychology, led by Dr. Lauren Kenworthy, are both Divisions within the Center for Neurosciences and Behavioral Medicine, which is directed by Dr. Elizabeth Wells, a neurologist. Other divisions in this center include Psychiatry, Neurology, Neurosurgery, Developmental Pediatrics, Genetics and Metabolism, Hearing and Speech, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. This Center for Excellence structure was designed to stimulate multidisciplinary collaboration, in terms of both patient care and research, among disciplines and specialties with common interests. Psychology and Neuropsychology

have particularly strong working relationships with Psychiatry, Developmental Pediatrics, and Neurology.

There are presently more than 55 faculty level psychologists at Children's National who engage in training, clinical service, and research in a variety of areas, including Adolescent Medicine, Child Protection Services, Neonatology, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology/Diabetes, Hematology/Oncology, Allergy/Immunology, Trauma Surgery, Pulmonary Medicine, Neurology, Obesity, Primary Care, Psychiatry, Outpatient Psychology, and Developmental Pediatrics. Psychology and Neuropsychology faculty are involved in virtually all of the other Centers of Excellence. Faculty for the training program are listed later in this brochure. Facilities at the Sheikh Zayed campus include outpatient clinics, child and adolescent inpatient units, auditorium, laboratories, and research space. The Outpatient Psychology Department is located at the Takoma, DC satellite clinic, a newly renovated state-of-the-art therapy space. Psychologists and neuropsychologists also occupy outpatient offices in multiple suburban satellite clinics (Maryland - Laurel, Rockville and Lanham; Virginia - Fairfax; DC - Friendship Heights) and DC community-based primary care clinics (Anacostia, Columbia Heights, Congress Heights, Shaw Metro, and Shepherd Park).

Children's National is the pediatric teaching hospital for the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Psychologists at Children's National hold academic appointments in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and the Department of Pediatrics at the medical school. Children's National offers a variety of training programs in various medical specialties. The Division of Psychology and the Division of Neuropsychology conduct post-doctoral, internship and practicum-level training for psychology students. Psychology interns are highly regarded within the hospital, participating in a wide range of clinical and academic activities with other specialties.



## ✓ DIVERSITY AND HEALTH EQUITY

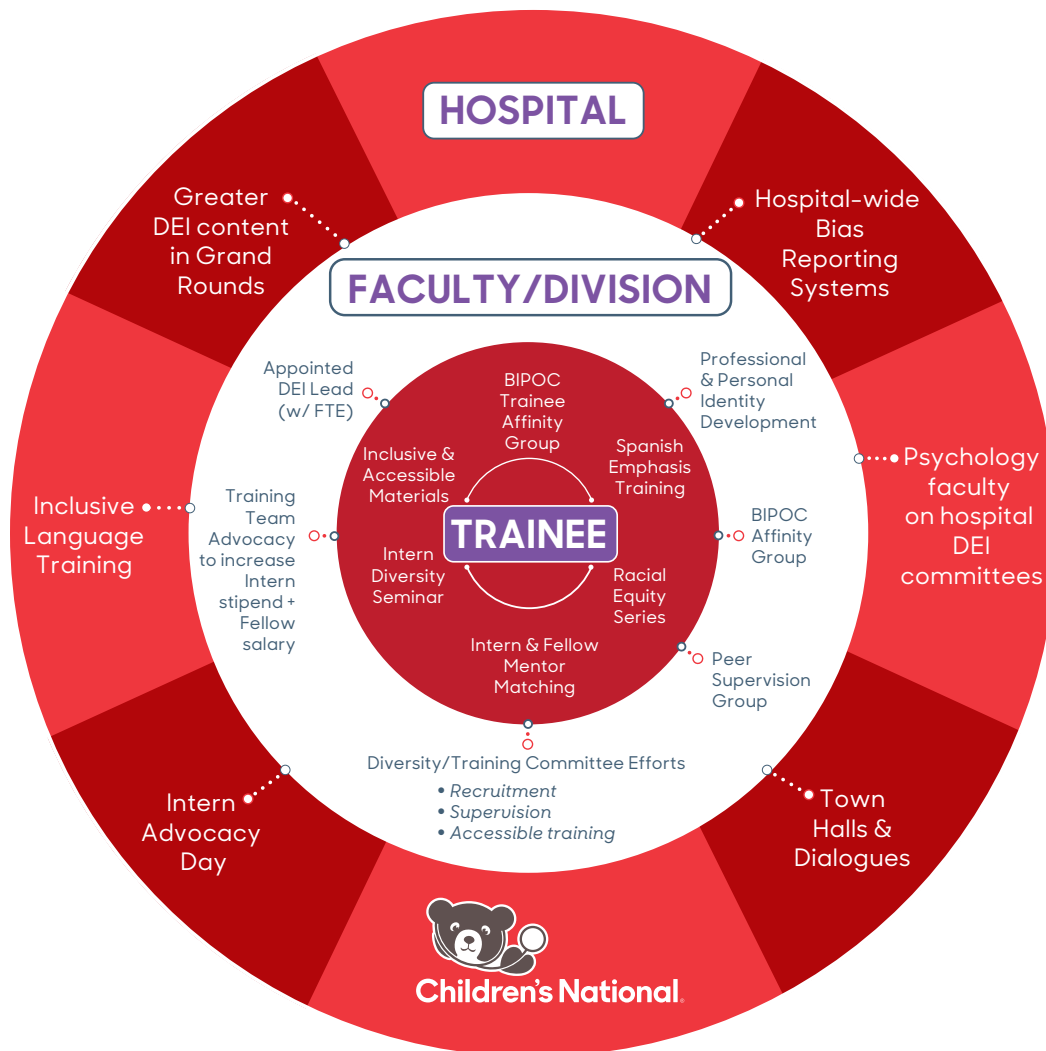
### The Children's National DEI Position Statement

At Children's National, we stand for diversity, equity and inclusion. We strive to foster, nurture and sustain a culture where everyone feels welcomed and respected at work and we champion these values in our community. Our continued commitment to each other and all the families we serve is central to our mission.

We encourage applicants to review the Children's National diversity report: [www.childrensnational.org/about-us/dei](http://www.childrensnational.org/about-us/dei). Psychology & Behavioral Health faculty participate in the Children's National Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees and initiatives.

### Division of Psychology and Behavioral Health

The Division of Psychology and Behavioral Health is committed to attracting and retaining trainees, staff, and faculty from a diverse range of ethnic, racial, and personal backgrounds. Consistent with such efforts, our division acts to ensure a supportive and encouraging learning environment appropriate for the training of diverse individuals and the provision of training opportunities for a wide spectrum of individuals. To this end, the Division has a Psychology Diversity Committee, whose mission is to promote awareness and inclusion across all areas of diversity including, but not limited to, race and ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, language, disability, and illness.



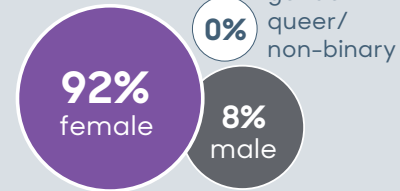
Some highlights from the Psychology Diversity Committee are facilitating training and advocacy, enhancing cultural responsiveness and inclusivity in research and program development, and advancing community engagement consistent with the mission.

The Division of Psychology and Behavioral Health has a commitment to diversity in training. One example of this commitment is the collaborative efforts of the Psychology Diversity Committee and the Psychology Training Committee, which meet quarterly and as joint Training/Diversity subcommittees. This partnership has led to several impactful initiatives, such as revising recruitment materials to better attract a diverse range of applicants, updating evaluation processes to support fairness and inclusivity, and developing tailored support systems for trainees from underrepresented backgrounds within psychology. These efforts underscore our dedication to fostering an inclusive environment that supports the growth and development of all trainees, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet the needs of diverse populations in their professional careers. If interested, interns are also invited to participate in the Division of Psychology Diversity Committee work when opportunities are available.

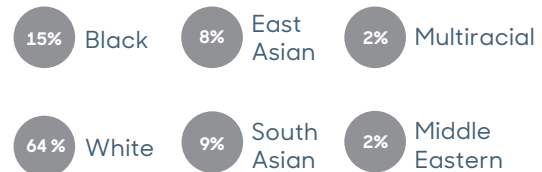
We appreciate the diverse backgrounds and identities of our faculty, which enrich the learning environment and foster a culture of inclusivity. While this is an area of ongoing growth, we have started to annually monitor the self-reported identities of our faculty members to enhance transparency and track progress over time. Below is a visual representation of this data, highlighting our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

## Division of Psychology & Behavioral Health Diversity Dimensions (Faculty):

### GENDER:



### RACE/ETHNICITY:



### ETHNICITY:

**11%**  
Hispanic/Latinx



### SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

LGBTQ+

**16%**

### IMMIGRATION STATUS:

**15%** born outside of the U.S.



**8%** self-identify as having an immigration status other than U.S. citizen

### LANGUAGE:

**32%** speak a language in addition to English



**13%** provide services in a language other than English

### SELF-IDENTIFY AS:

**11%** having a disability as defined under ADA



## THE DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

### Philosophy and Goals of the Program:

The goal of the internship program at Children's National is to train professional psychologists who have a particular interest in child clinical and/or pediatric psychology. The program is designed to encourage the development of clinical competence with children and families, with sensitivity to, and facility with, cultural differences, ethical issues, interdisciplinary relationships, and the changing environment of healthcare, including funding issues.

The internship adheres to the nine Profession-Wide Competencies set out by the American Psychological Association's Standards of Accreditation for Health Services Psychologists. These standards are essential for performing all services in the field of psychology. These competencies include:

- Research
- Ethical and Legal Standards
- Individual and Cultural Diversity
- Professional Values, Attitudes, and Behaviors
- Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Supervision
- Consultation and Interprofessional/ Interdisciplinary Skills

Interns develop these competencies through the well-rounded curriculum and by achieving the specific objectives for our program, as outlined below. Objectives of training include:

1. Interns will develop facility with a range of diagnostic skills, including: interviews, history taking, risk assessment, child protective issues, diagnostic formulation, triage, disposition, and referral.
2. Interns will develop skills in psychological intervention, including: environmental

interventions, crisis intervention, short-term and long-term individual psychotherapy, group and family psychotherapy, and behavioral medicine techniques.

3. Interns will develop facility with a range of assessment techniques, including electives in: developmental testing, cognitive testing, achievement testing, assessment of behavior/emotional functioning, assessment of parent-child relationships and family systems, and neuropsychological evaluation.
4. Interns will develop facility with psychological consultation, through individual cases and participation in multidisciplinary teams, including consultation to: parents, mental health staff (e.g., psychiatrists, social workers) medical staff (e.g., physicians, nurses, PT, OT, etc.), school systems, and the legal system. Consultation training occurs in both the inpatient and outpatient setting, both downtown and in the suburbs, and ranges from primary to tertiary care.
5. Interns will learn the clinical, legal, and ethical issues involved in documentation of mental health services within a medical setting.
6. Interns will integrate science and practice in assessment, intervention, and consultation. Interns are trained in empirically-supported treatments, behavioral medicine protocols, and empirically-supported assessment techniques. Interns are exposed to research in many of these areas in their work with psychology faculty.
7. Interns will develop assessment batteries, treatment goals, and consultative relationships based on the clinical issues at hand, while also considering potential limitations imposed by managed care and health policy and other issues of third party or family payment for mental health services. Interns will appreciate the range of vehicles for service delivery (e.g., primary care versus specialty clinics), which allow access to a variety of populations with social, financial and other obstacles to mental health.

## Former Interns:

Initial positions of the 104 interns who have completed the program since 1997:



## Training Experience:

This internship provides the trainee with the opportunity to take substantial responsibility for carrying out major professional functions in the context of appropriate supervisory support. The program is arranged on both a longitudinal and rotational basis. It is designed around a fundamental curriculum, which focuses on intern competencies in assessment, diagnostic interviewing, intervention, case management and triage, consultation, and critical thinking about clinical case material. Interns are exposed to training in empirically supported treatments for a range of pediatric conditions. Intern participation in multidisciplinary teams and specialty clinics affords them the opportunity for limited supervision of and role-modeling for psychology externs and medical students. Each intern's schedule is individualized according to intern special interests and training needs.

## ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

12 MONTH ROTATION	
Outpatient Psychotherapy (approximately 8 patients/week) 2 days per week*	
SEMESTER A: 6 months**	SEMESTER B: 6 months
<b>Quarter A1</b> - 3 months Inpatient Psychiatry - 3 days/week	<b>Specialty</b> - 1 day/week <b>Assessment</b> - 1 day/week
<b>Quarter A2</b> - 3 months Primary Care - 2 days/week Pediatric Consult - 1 day/week	<b>Elective</b> - 1 day/week Intern selects either additional Specialty or Assessment

\* For those interested in pediatric psychology, this rotation can be composed primarily of pediatric cases for a full year of advanced pediatric psychology training

\*\* Note that semesters are described as "A" and "B", but these could occur in either order.

## FULL YEAR ROTATION

### Outpatient Therapy (Required)

Throughout the entire year, interns carry approximately 8 outpatient cases in the Outpatient Psychology Department located at the Takoma clinic or at the main hospital location. Interns obtain closely supervised practice in therapeutic intervention, including individual child therapy and family therapy. There may be opportunities for work in group therapy settings as well. Outpatient supervisors have wide range of expertise including mood, anxiety, pediatric psychology, and therapy with young children. This clinic provides training for psychology interns and externs, child psychiatry fellows, and general psychiatry residents. The patient population in the outpatient clinic is culturally and economically diverse and often includes families with multiple psychological, social and medical problems. Referrals to the outpatient clinics come from families, community physicians, schools, and other departments within the hospital.

Interns have flexibility in their selection of cases in order to tailor their training to their individual needs and interests. Although everyone is encouraged to maintain a varied caseload for optimal training, an intern with interests in clinical child training may take cases that include anxiety, ADHD, depression, and peer and school difficulties. Interns with particular interest in pediatric psychology could see cases from any of the specialty clinics to address issues that include adherence to medical regimen and adjustment to medical diagnosis.

It should be noted that training in issues of child abuse/neglect, as well as risk assessment and safety planning, is provided throughout the outpatient and inpatient programs.

## SEMESTER A ROTATIONS

### Inpatient Therapy (Required)

Interns spend 3 days per week for 3 months on the Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatry Unit. This is a short stay facility for adolescents (ages 13-17) who usually have a history of self-injury, suicidal behavior, severe aggression, mania or psychosis. Patients on this unit usually have a history of self-injury, suicidal behavior, severe aggression, mania, or psychosis. Interns will collaborate with a dynamic multidisciplinary team including psychiatrists, medical trainees, social workers, nurses, expressive therapists, child life specialists, and child psychiatric specialists. Interns carry a caseload of 2 patients. They are responsible for conducting thorough diagnostic interviews, individual therapy, crisis management, and discharge planning. They will have the opportunity to participate in family meetings and morning patient rounds. Interns will have the opportunity to participate in the therapeutic milieu as well as group therapy. Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy techniques are generally utilized to achieve stabilization and create safety plans.

### Primary Care Experience (Required)

Interns spend 2 days per week for 3 months performing consults and short-term therapy in one of the five community-based Children's National primary care centers. This rotation involves providing mental health consultation within a primary care setting as part of multi-disciplinary team. Direct services are provided to children, adolescents, young adults and families. Consultations for patients include initial assessment, service referrals, and follow-up to help ensure linkage to mental health care. Consultation is also provided to the medical team. The opportunity for brief patient intervention is available and tailored to the interests and learning needs of the intern. For bilingual (English-Spanish) interns, there is opportunity to rotate through the primary care center that primarily serves the Latinx community.



## Pediatric Consultation Service (Required)

During the 3 months that interns are rotating through the Primary Care Experience, they also spend 1 day per week on the Pediatric Consultation Service. This is a busy clinical service that provides mental health consultation and liaison to medical teams. Referrals include a vast array of mental health concerns for children with acute and chronic illnesses, such as gastrointestinal illness, eating disorders, asthma, cystic fibrosis, renal disorders, and toxic ingestion. Psychology interns and psychiatry residents participate together in clinical rounds and didactic education.

## SEMESTER B ROTATIONS

### Specialty Rotations

All interns complete at least one 6-month (1 day per week) specialty rotation. These rotations occur during the 6 months that interns are not placed on the Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, Primary Care, or Consult rotations. *As noted above, an additional 6-month specialty rotation (or assessment rotation) is an option for the elective rotation.* It should be noted that consultation and treatment skills are similar with the different medical populations, though the clinical issues may vary. Interns choose from the following, although not all are guaranteed to be offered each year:

- The **Hematology, Oncology, and BMT** rotation involves working as part of a multidisciplinary team. Interns will administer digital psychosocial screeners followed by brief consultation and intervention within our Long-term Follow-Up clinic for survivors of childhood cancer. Interns may also have an opportunity to implement cognitive-behavioral and acceptance-based treatment to enhance pain management in our Sickle Cell Disease Integrative Pain Clinic. Lastly, the intern will carry a small caseload of weekly outpatient

therapy cases. Typical presenting issues include difficulty coping with and adjusting to diagnosis, treatment, and transitions, anxiety (generalized, anticipatory, and procedural), depression, behavior problems, school reintegration, peer difficulties, nonadherence to medical treatment, and pain exacerbated by psychological stressors. Depending on interest and availability, there may be opportunities to conduct pre-BMT psychological evaluations.

- The **Endocrinology/Diabetes** rotation involves working as part of a multidisciplinary team that provides services to a diverse population of young children through young adults with type 1 diabetes (T1D), type 2 diabetes (T2D) as well as other endocrine disorders. The disciplines involved in children's care include medicine, nutrition, nursing, social work, and psychology. Interns on this rotation have the opportunity to participate in consultation and treatment for children diagnosed with T1D, T2D and a variety of other endocrine disorders. Consultations include meeting with children/families around the time of diagnosis and at medical outpatient clinic visits. Outpatient treatment cases present with a variety of concerns including adjustment to illness, medical adherence challenges, mood concerns, and family conflict
- The **Behavioral Sleep Medicine** rotation provides interns with the opportunity to work within the multidisciplinary Sleep clinic that is housed in the Division of Pulmonary & Sleep Medicine. The Sleep clinic team consists of psychologists, pulmonologists, nurse practitioners and sleep technologists who work together to assess, diagnose and treat childhood sleep disorders. Interns participating in this rotation will receive didactic training in the normal development of sleep across the lifespan and gain clinical experience in the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders. The location of the clinic in the Main DC Children's National facility affords

interns the opportunity to work with a diverse patient population. By the culmination of this rotation interns will be familiar with the various types of childhood sleep disorders, common mental health comorbidities, and empirically support treatment strategies.

- The **Obesity** rotation involves providing psychosocial services including consult and assessment for youth undergoing bariatric surgery. A rotation in the Obesity subspecialty involves conducting pre- and post-surgical assessment for bariatric surgery readiness, providing consult-liaison services for the medical team prior to and following surgery, and providing any ongoing support needed by the surgery patients. The patient population served in this rotation is highly diverse with regard to race/ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and psychosocial functioning.
- The **Allergy and Immunology** rotation provides services to a diverse population of children and adolescents who are diagnosed with food allergies, eosinophilic esophagitis, environmental allergies, asthma, eczema, and primary immunodeficiency disorders. The Allergy and Immunology Division serves a wide patient population who live throughout DC, MD, and VA. Interns will have the opportunity to collaborate with a social worker to assist families from lower income backgrounds and interpreters to assist with non-English-speaking families.

Interns may pick one of two rotation options with the Division of Allergy and Immunology.

**A: Oral Food Challenge Clinic + Outpatient Therapy.**

During this rotation, interns will conduct consultation-liaison services during weekly oral food challenge clinics. Interns will see approximately 3-6 patients/week ranging in age from infancy to young adulthood. Primary concerns during this clinic are patient and parent anxiety related to potentially experiencing an allergic reaction during the oral food challenge. Interns who participate in this rotation may also see 2-3 outpatients/week.

**B: Eosinophilic Esophagitis Clinic + Outpatient Therapy.**

During this rotation, interns will conduct consultation-liaison services during monthly multidisciplinary eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) clinics, which provide patients diagnosed with EoE the opportunity to meet with allergy, gastroenterology, nutrition, and psychology in one clinic. In this clinic, interns will see approximately 6-8 patients/month ranging in age from young child to young adulthood. Primary concerns during this clinic are patient and parent stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms related to illness management, which may include elimination diets or daily medication management. Interns who participate in this rotation will see 4-5 outpatients/day on non-EoE clinic weeks.

The primary mental health concerns addressed during outpatient therapy in both rotations are anxiety and depressive symptoms related to food allergies, EoE, and primary immunodeficiency disorders (generally school-age children), adherence to medical routines, needle phobia, and adjustment to new diagnosis. Interns may also have the opportunity to engage in feeding therapy for anxiety related to food allergy or mild ARFID cases. Interns may also complete brief consultations with parents of young children who are navigating a new diagnosis or need assistance with a developmental transition related to their child's medical diagnosis (e.g., preparation for school). Therapy includes medical psychoeducation and CBT and exposure techniques.

- The **Trauma and Burn Surgery** rotation consists of providing outpatient and inpatient services to patients experiencing injuries (e.g. burns, motor vehicle accidents, dog bites) and their families. The internship rotation consists of inpatient consultation/liaison, multidisciplinary ambulatory clinic participation, and short-term therapy. Interns participate in psychosocial screening, brief intervention, and referrals within the multidisciplinary clinic. Common presenting concerns include adjustment to injury, procedural anxiety and

trauma, posttraumatic stress, mood concerns, adherence difficulties, body image concerns, and parenting/family support. There are opportunities for training in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in this rotation. The trauma service serves diverse and underserved populations across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and provides training experiences with families from a variety of cultural and psychosocial presentations.

- The **Solid Organ Transplant** (cardiology and nephrology) rotation involves participation in multidisciplinary teams that provide pre- and post-transplant care to young children through young adults with chronic kidney disease and advanced cardiac diseases. Interns participating in this clinic will receive training in evaluation, consultation, and treatment for children receiving renal replacement therapy (dialysis and transplantation) and advanced cardiac therapies. The rotation consists of intervention services related to coping with chronic illness, motivational support to promote adherence, and behavioral management in the inpatient unit, cardiac ICU, outpatient clinic, and dialysis unit. Both nephrology and cardiology teams are comprised of faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds, serve diverse and underserved populations, and are committed to training opportunities with exposures to a variety of racial/ethnic, SES, and psychosocial presentations.
- The **Gastroenterology** rotation involves working with patients with a wide range of gastrointestinal disorders such as celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease, and functional abdominal pain. Across the rotation, interns will provide diagnostic, consultation, and short-term therapy services to families with varied cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. There will be opportunities to observe and conduct brief consultations as part of a multidisciplinary team alongside physicians, education specialists, and dietitians, such as in the Celiac Disease Clinic. Outpatient behavioral medicine and therapy services are also provided to assist with medical, emotional, and behavioral management of illness. Common referral issues include psychoeducation, gut-brain dysregulation, coping with chronic illness, medical management barriers, anxiety, depression, eating and feeding disorders, and family conflict.
- The **Pediatric Dermatology** clinic is an embedded subspecialty clinic that provides services to a diverse population of young children through young adults with a variety of dermatological skin conditions. Interns will gain experience in assessment and intervention skills focused on child and family adherence to medical regimens, symptom management, and psychosocial adjustment to a chronic medical condition. Common referral questions include needle phobia, managing itch/scratch cycle due to atopic dermatitis, medical non-adherence, self-esteem due to skin/hair loss (e.g., acne vulgaris, alopecia), and adjusting to skin conditions that are lifelong such as hidradenitis suppurativa. Interns have opportunities to provide behavioral consults, short-term treatment, and consultation with the medical team comprised of dermatologists, medical residents, and nurse practitioners.
- Interns may pursue the optional **Gender Health** rotation through the [Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine](#). The rotation will include conducting psychosocial consultations and providing short- and long-term therapy based on the unique needs of the patient and their family. Interns will have substantial opportunities to engage in a multidisciplinary process as a part of this experience.
- The **Early Childhood Behavioral Health Outpatient Treatment** rotation involves providing intervention to young children (0–6 years of age) and their families through the Division of Psychology. The intern would receive

didactics in [Parent Child Interaction Therapy](#) (PCIT) and live supervision in implementing PCIT with families from an L1 Certified PCIT trainer. While we cannot guarantee certification as a PCIT-therapist following the training year, this may be a possibility for some interns. The intern can also gain experience implementing intervention with young children presenting with developmental delays and autism spectrum disorder, including individual treatment and group work. While this is a treatment-focused rotation, interns can also gain experience conducting initial intake interviews and brief consultations with young children and their families. Interns have the opportunity to gain experience working with families with a range of backgrounds with regard to race, ethnicity, and insurance status. Training occurs in the Takoma clinic. Certain cases that are started while on this rotation may be continued as part of the intern's outpatient therapy caseload for the duration of the year.

- The **Mood & Trauma Disorders Program** in the Outpatient Psychology Department is a multidisciplinary outpatient program that provides services to a diverse population of children and adolescents diagnosed with mood disorders (e.g. major depression, disruptive mood dysregulation disorder) and trauma disorders (e.g., PTSD, adjustment disorder), and their families. Interns will gain experience in diagnostic assessment and treatment of mood disorders through individual, family, and group therapy (optional) while utilizing CBT, TF-CBT, and DBT. During this rotation, interns will participate in our comprehensive Outpatient DBT program, which will include seeing individual patients, participating in the consultation team meetings, and co-leading our multifamily skills groups. Interns will see approximately 3-4 patients on their rotation day. Additional opportunities include working with children with medical illnesses.

## Outpatient Assessment Experience Rotations

During the 6 months that interns are not rotating through the Inpatient Psychiatric Units, Consult, and Primary Care, they complete at least one assessment rotation (1 day per week). *As noted above, an additional 6-month outpatient assessment rotation is an option for the elective rotation.* It should also be noted that several assessment rotations occur at satellite clinics, which are not readily accessible by public transportation. Interns are responsible for writing 2 full outpatient assessment reports per month for each assessment rotation. Interns choose from the following, although not all are guaranteed to be offered each year. Assessment rotations are described below:

- The **Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology** provides outpatient evaluations to children from preschool through young adulthood. Children commonly seen for neuropsychological services include those with known medical or neurological disorders (e.g., epilepsy, brain tumor, leukemia, sickle cell, genetic conditions, congenital heart disease, concussion) as well as those with neurodevelopmental disorders. Interns will gain experience in clinical interviewing, test administration, scoring, interpretation, report writing, and verbal communication of results to families and other professionals, supervised by a neuropsychologist. Interns are invited to participate in the weekly Pediatric Neuropsychology seminar and other didactic opportunities. The standard rotation (1 day/week for 6 months) can be described as an exposure to clinical neuropsychology using the taxonomy for education and training guidelines. An enhanced pediatric neuropsychology experience (2 days/week for 6 months; 2 rotations in neuropsychology and/ or Center for Autism) can be made available to those for whom this is a specialty interest area or who wish to prepare for a future postdoc in neuropsychology. Interns may be exposed to one or more of the following specific clinical populations:
  - General medical/ neurodevelopmental disorders
  - Attention and Executive Function Disorders (Executive Function Clinic)
  - Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/ Sports Concussion



- The **Center for Autism** (formerly known as CASD), within the Division of Pediatric Neuropsychology, provides multidisciplinary evaluation and treatment services for children with autism and their families. Interns completing this rotation will be involved in assessing individuals having, or suspected of having, autism. Interns completing this rotation will administer and interpret tests, write assessment reports, may have opportunities to conduct school consultations, and present results at both multidisciplinary meetings and in feedback sessions with families. In addition, the Center for Autism offers intervention services for families, including behavior management, social skills and executive function skills groups for children, parent education groups and school planning assistance. Interns may choose to spend part of their afternoons involved in group therapy within the Center. Additionally, co-supervision can be coordinated with the Outpatient Psychology Department for interns to provide individual therapy for autistic youth. The standard rotation in the Center for Autism (1 day/week for 6 months) provides an exposure to working with autistic individuals (per the taxonomy for education and training guidelines). An enhanced experience (2 days per week for 6 months) may be available to interns with a particular interest in autism or neuropsychological assessment (2 rotations within the Center for Autism or can combine the Center for Autism with another Neuropsychology rotation). Options in the Center for Autism include:

- Developmental or diagnostic assessment of younger children
- Neuropsychological assessment of children and adolescents (for interns with prior experience in neuropsychology and/ or autism assessment)
- Diagnostic evaluation of Autism in school-aged youth and adolescents (e.g., exposure to the ADOS-2, CARS or other diagnostic tools)



- Psychological assessment of children and adolescents with co-occurring intellectual disabilities and/or limited speaking skills (for interns with prior experience in developmental and/or autism assessment)
- Group intervention targeting executive functioning skills in children/adolescents diagnosed with autism

- The **Child Development Clinic**, located at the main hospital, provides developmental evaluation and diagnostic assessment of children ages birth to 4. Interns are supervised in administration, scoring, interpretation and feedback with instruments that are specialized for this young population (e.g., Bayley Scales, DAS-II, ADOS-2). Most of our patients are referred for evaluation by pediatricians, therapists, other specialists, or caregivers, based on concerns about developmental delays, including language delays and/or concerns about autism. Other children are referred due to an increased risk of developmental challenges based on their medical histories, such as conditions, birth complications, neurologic injury, chronic illness, etc. Patients reflect a broad cross-section of sociocultural circumstances. Parent education/training is emphasized as part of the assessment and feedback process.

## Didactics

The internship program features a variety of didactic seminars and conferences on development, psychopathology, clinical techniques, medical conditions, health care delivery systems, health equity, diversity, and research. Interns spend approximately 10% of their time in didactic seminars. Didactics include the Intern Seminar Series, Intern Diversity Seminar Series, Racial Equity Challenge, and Behavioral Health Grand Rounds.

The Intern Seminar Series is a comprehensive educational component designed to enhance the clinical and professional skills of psychology interns. This seminar series features a variety of topics and is scheduled weekly on Wednesdays. The sessions include a blend of didactic learning, case reviews, and open discussions, covering areas such as clinical techniques, ethical practices, and diverse patient populations. The seminar aims to provide a robust learning environment, fostering the development of well-rounded clinicians prepared to address the complexities of psychological practice. Topics are presented by experienced faculty and guest speakers.

The Intern Diversity Seminar Series is designed to address the challenges and opportunities of providing mental health services to diverse communities and explore topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in their clinical care and systems within which they operate. It consists of monthly meetings (second and fifth Wednesdays) for one hour throughout the year, with four didactic "onboarding" sessions in the first months of internship. Sessions include didactic learning, case reviews, and open discussions, where interns select relevant materials, lead discussions, and review cases to enhance their understanding and application of diversity in clinical practice.

Interns have also had the opportunity to participate in the Racial Equity Challenge, led by Drs. Avanté Smack and Nikita Rodrigues. This engaging monthly seminar delves into antiracist

education, expanding interns' understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. Through this immersive experience, interns gain profound insights into the experiences of Black Americans in this country and within the field of psychology, empowering them to become more informed and impactful practitioners.

Behavioral Health Grand Rounds offers a weekly multidisciplinary meeting forum that brings together the divisions of Psychology & Behavioral Health with colleagues from the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science division. This dynamic forum features presentations from distinguished outside speakers on timely and relevant topics, as well as local experts who share their cutting-edge clinical and research work. Interns have the unique opportunity to contribute by delivering their own Grand Rounds talks, allowing them to showcase their areas of interest or expertise. This experience not only enhances their professional development presentation skills in the academic health center environment, but also fosters a deeper engagement with the broader professional community, promoting a culture of continuous learning and collaboration as faculty learn from them.

## Unique Opportunities for Interns with Spanish Language Proficiency

The **Spanish Training Emphasis Program's** (STEP) mission is to address mental health disparities for Latinx children, adolescents, young adults, and their families by increasing the availability of bilingual psychologists who are trained in the provision of bilingual, culturally competent therapy and assessment services. Through formalized training activities, this program is designed to be inclusive for all psychology interns who wish to increase their confidence, competence, and comfort in serving Spanish-speaking families who receive care at Children's National Hospital. All interns will receive didactic training in multicultural competency, with special consideration of common challenges for Latinx families, such as varying levels of acculturation, issues related to immigration

status, barriers to care, and stress related to intersecting minoritized identities. Interns are also invited to join the optional monthly STEP meetings, which include more didactic content (relevant to all trainees) as well as process groups for bilingual trainees to increase their clinical vocabulary, allow for space to consult on culturally sensitive case conceptualizations, and promote self-reflection regarding bilingual and multicultural care.

Additionally, there may be coordinated opportunities for direct service provision (therapy, consultation, assessment) to Spanish-prefering families through multiple clinics, including Integrated Primary Care, Child Development Clinic, Outpatient Psychology, Neuropsychology, and Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Bilingual trainees will have the opportunity to receive supervision in Spanish with a licensed bilingual psychologist. Further, STEP aims to improve overall care for the Latinx community by increasing the availability of training materials, resources, manuals on therapy modalities, and treatment worksheets in the Spanish language. For those interested, the region allows for trainees to pursue advocacy and program development opportunities with the help of our STEP team.

### Advocacy

Children's National Hospital was the first pediatric hospital in the nation to form an in-house advocacy institute – the [Child Health Advocacy Institute](#) (CHAI) – and holds Advocacy as one of its core values alongside Care, Research, and Education. Many Psychology & Behavioral Health faculty are affiliate faculty with CHAI. Interns have participated in Advocacy Day at the Capital Food Bank, and Residents on the Hill day, learning more about various policies and communication and advocacy skills with government representatives. In 2024, interns discussed food insecurity, school meals, and funding for WIC/SNAP. There may be opportunities for interns to be involved in additional projects such as the Community Health Improvement Week.

### Research

[Children's National Research Institute](#) conducts and promotes translational and clinical medical research programs. Many Psychology & Behavioral Health faculty are affiliated with the Center for Translational Research or Cancer and Immunology Research. Many Psychology & Behavioral Health faculty have federally-funded research programs (e.g., NIH, Department of Education) as well as foundation and internal grants. Faculty have grant-funded research programs and labs including in the areas of ADHD, type 1 diabetes, celiac disease, sickle cell disease, and food allergy. Behavioral interventions utilizing technology, mindfulness-based interventions, school-based interventions, and family-focused interventions are all current areas of research among the faculty. A number of faculty members are also involved in research examining the role of health disparities, systemic racism, and exposure to race-based bullying on the health and well-being of children and adolescents.

Interns who have completed their dissertation research are able to become involved in research programs and quality improvement efforts, if they desire. Opportunities are available with many faculty members, depending on an intern's specific interests.

### Supervision & Mentor Program

Interns receive 4–5 hours of supervision per week, with 1–2 supervisors assigned for each rotation. The program strives to provide interns with a variety of supervisors to take advantage of the many roles, talents and theoretical viewpoints of the faculty. Supervisors are deeply committed to addressing issues of diversity and culture in their work, ensuring that trainees develop a comprehensive understanding of how these factors influence clinical practice. Supervision is interdisciplinary, with psychology interns being supervised by psychiatrists on the Inpatient unit and the Pediatric Consultation service. Supervision varies in clinics; always includes case discussions, with some clinics

offer live supervision and role-modeling by supervisors within multidisciplinary or vertical teams. Facilities include one-way mirrors and recording capability, depending on the location.

At the beginning of the training year, each intern is paired with a faculty mentor, who, in a non-evaluative and non-supervisory role, is dedicated to supporting the intern's professional development, such as helping with time management, building self-confidence and more.

### Evaluation

Interns are evaluated formally by their supervisors at the end of each rotation or semi-annually on twelve-month rotations. Supervisors rate interns on a set of scales designed to evaluate their performance on the nine Profession-Wide Competencies and discuss feedback with the interns. These evaluations are primarily designed to ensure that the interns are making optimal use of their training year. The interns meet individually with the Training Directors at the training year onset to develop specific short- and long-term training goals. Interns also follow up with quarterly meetings with the Training Director(s) to review and revise goals over time. Letters are sent to the director of each intern's doctoral training program mid-way through the training year and at the completion of the internship.

The internship is conceptualized as an evolving training program, with continuous self-review and quality enhancement. Interns, training directors and supervisors engage in consistent evaluation of individual training goals throughout the internship year. Interns complete regular evaluations on seminars, supervisors, rotations and the training directors. The Training Director has regular meetings with both the training staff and the interns to discuss and evaluate the program.



### Training and COVID-19

Our training program is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of our interns while ensuring continuing our high-level training and breadth of training opportunities. We have been able to successfully pivot between fully in-person, fully virtual, and hybrid models of training as needed over time since 2020. Interns in the 2019-2020 class were able to shift all services to virtual delivery starting in March, 2020. Interns in the 2020-2021 class experienced a blended hybrid model. More of the rotations were in-person for internship in the 2021-2022 cohort, and since the 2022-2023 cohort, all rotations have returned to primarily in-person provision of care.

In 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, our healthcare system allowed for a transition to telehealth and virtual supervision for all rotations, including inpatient care. Hybrid training consisted of in-person clinical care for some services and virtual clinical care for others. Interns are encouraged to communicate any extenuating circumstances that may alter their ability to provide in-person services. The Infection Control Department at Children's National provides training for incoming interns on safety in the workplace with regard to COVID-19. Interns at Children's National fall under the purview of the Psychology and Behavioral Health Division and rules and guidelines are therefore established specifically for them by the Training Directors and Division to ensure their safety. We are confident in our ability to continue training in all rotations under any conditions. We are experienced with the shifting priorities and equipped to modify training as needed.



## ACCREDITATION

The Children's National internship program is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association. Applicants may contact the American Psychological Association's Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation for additional information pertaining to our accreditation.

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## STIPEND AND BENEFITS

Interns receive a yearly stipend of \$48,006 plus the fringe benefit package for all trainees at Children's National. In addition, interns receive a professional fund of \$1,000 and will receive a \$500 stipend for moving expenses. Interns have 4 weeks of paid vacation, 8 national holidays and 12 days of sick leave. Subsidized health insurance and parking are available.

An administrative assistant for Psychology and Behavioral Health is available to support the internship program. The clinical services are also supported by the administrative staff in the Outpatient Psychiatry Department who assist interns in scheduling families, do all insurance authorization, and facilitate the patient check-in process.



## DATES

The doctoral internship is a full-time experience for the calendar year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

We welcome applications from students in APA-accredited doctoral programs in clinical, school, or counseling psychology (PhD, PsyD, EdD) who have completed all required coursework and defended their dissertation proposal by the application deadline. We review applications holistically, focusing on the overall fit with our program. Key areas of focus in our application review include:

- ✓ **Clinical Experience:** We value applicants with substantial experience in child/adolescent/pediatric psychology, including intervention, consultation, and assessment. Candidates with a broad range of experience across different age groups and settings, such as hospitals, integrated primary care clinics, and multidisciplinary environments, are highly regarded.
- ✓ **Diverse Populations:** A demonstrated commitment to serving diverse populations and considering individual and cultural diversity variables in service delivery is essential. We seek applicants with strong personal awareness and experience with underrepresented groups. If your opportunities to work with diverse populations have been limited, your application will not be penalized. However, please acknowledge this limitation in your materials, and discuss your dedication to seeking more training in this area.
- ✓ **Academic and Professional Excellence:** We look for evidence of academic and professional leadership and achievements, such as grants, awards, research, publications, teaching experience, advocacy work, community outreach, or program development.

✓ **Evidence-Based Practice:** We seek applicants demonstrating a commitment to evidence-based practice in clinical work, and who integrate research and clinical practice effectively.

By considering these elements, we aim to select interns who are not only academically and clinically proficient but also committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of psychology.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINES

**Applications must be received on or before November 1, 2024. As a member of the Association for Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) and in accordance with its policies, our application constitutes the AAPI Online Form. We require 3 letters of recommendation.**



## INTERVIEWS

Interviews are by invitation only. In order to be considered for an interview, your **completed application must be received by November 1, 2024**. Interviews will be conducted entirely virtually this year on 2 dates: **January 8th and 15th, 2025**. Invitations for interviews will be sent before December 15. **Please do not call before December 15th.**

## OFFERS AND ACCEPTANCES

The Internship Program at Children's Hospital is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). This site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept or use any ranking information from any intern applicant. Children's National will be participating in the APPIC Internship Matching Program; applicants should register for the match.

## BENEFITS OF LIVING IN DC

Living in Washington, DC, offers a unique blend of professional and personal opportunities that enrich the internship year. As the nation's capital, DC is home to some of the most prestigious institutions and organizations in healthcare, research, and policy. Interns can benefit from unparalleled networking opportunities with leading professionals and experts in the field, attend influential conferences, and access a wealth of resources that support their clinical and academic development. The city's vibrant community of professionals and scholars fosters a stimulating environment for growth and collaboration, enhancing the overall training experience.

Beyond professional advantages, Washington, DC, is a culturally rich and diverse city that offers a high quality of life. Interns can enjoy numerous

cultural attractions, including world-renowned museums, theaters, and historic landmarks. The city's diverse neighborhoods provide a wide range of dining, entertainment, and recreational options, catering to various interests and lifestyles. With its extensive public transportation system, beautiful parks, and commitment to sustainability, DC offers a dynamic and engaging environment that supports both personal well-being and professional growth. Living in the heart of the nation's capital provides interns with a unique and fulfilling experience that extends far beyond their training.

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, we are proud to offer approximately 10+ unique postdoctoral fellowships, contingent upon funding availability. Examples have included postdoctoral fellowships in Pediatric Anxiety Disorders, Hematology/Oncology, Allergy & Immunology, and Early Childhood Behavior. We offer a variety of positions including fully clinical positions, fully research-based positions and fellowships with both clinical and research duties. All of these fellowships provide exceptional training and professional development opportunities tailored to the specific focus of individual programs or faculty members in child clinical or pediatric psychology.

Typically advertised in the fall, these positions attract many of our interns who seek to further their specialized training after their generalist exposure during internship year. Our postdoctoral fellows benefit from diverse clinical experiences and engage in cutting-edge research, equipping them with the expertise needed for distinguished careers in psychology. Please note that we do not adhere to APPIC recruitment guidelines, and our fellowships are not APA-accredited.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR MATRICULATION

All Occupational Health requirements and pre-employment requirements must be satisfied prior to June 30. The District of Columbia Municipal Regulation Title 22 requires new employees/trainees to have a physical health screen. In addition, Children's National requires proof of immunity for Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), Flu (seasonal), and COVID-19. All applicants must complete the required labs and urine drug screening, which will test for the following: ETOH, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine metabolites, marijuana metabolites, opiates and phencyclidines. A positive result for any of these substances will potentially make the candidate ineligible for hire. A background check is also required, which will pull information from the following databases below. Under DC law, Children's National is barred from hiring anyone with a conviction within the prior 7 years related to abuse, illegal substances or theft. Children's National is prohibited from hiring anyone who is a registered sex offender, or who has been excluded from federal health care programs. Therefore, any history related to these prohibitions will make the candidate ineligible for hire. Inability to verify stated previous employment or education will also make the candidate ineligible for hire.

### Sterling Background Check

- SSN Trace
- County Criminal Record
- State Criminal Record
- Federal Criminal Record
- Driver's Record
- Employment Verification
- Education Verification
- FACIS L3 – Fraud and Abuse Control Information System
- DOJ Sex Offender Search
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