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# **Doctoral Internships**Program in Pediatric Psychology and Neuropsychology

Part of the APA-approved University of Tennessee Professional Psychology Internship Consortium in Memphis, TN



#### St. Jude Children's Research Hospital:

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a 78-bed private, non-profit children's research hospital and is one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers. Approximately 7,800 patients are seen each year.
- Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment.
   Travel, housing, and food needs are covered throughout treatment.
- St. Jude has been named among Fortune magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For since 2010, and named as one of the top 10 Best Places to Work in Academia by The Scientist.

## **Department of Psychology:**

- The Department of Psychology conducts approximately 1,200 psychological/neuropsychological assessments and 500 initial consults each year, with ongoing psychological care provided to many of these patients.
- The Psychology Clinic consists of 15 doctoral level psychologists, 6 doctoral level neuropsychologists, 6 master's level psychological examiners, and 8 postdoctoral fellows.
- Interns will be assigned a primary supervisor but will have the opportunity to be supervised by multiple attending psychologists.
- Interns will work on interdisciplinary teams and consult
  with medical providers, rehabilitation therapists, school
  personnel, social workers, child life specialists, and
  other health care providers. Participation in medical,
  psychosocial, and psychology rounds is available.
   Participation in trainee didactics for pediatric
  psychology and pediatric neuropsychology trainees
  is available.

Rotations in Pediatric Psychology and Pediatric Neuropsychology are available to all interns as part of the Consortium rotation schedule.

#### **Consortium:**

- 3 rotation periods of approximately 16 weeks each
- Rotations split into major (up to 24 hours per week) and minor (up to 12 hours per week) affiliations
- Time set aside for seminars, supervision, staff meetings, and additional selected learning experiences (e.g., workshops)
- Applicants accepted from clinical, counseling, school, and neuropsychology programs
- Preference to applicants from APA-approved graduate programs
- Most of the Consortium agencies are located within what is known as the Medical Center
  - · St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
  - · LeBonheur Children's Hospital
  - University-affiliated Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities
  - · University of Tennessee Health Science Center
  - · University Behavioral Health Center
  - · Regional One Health
  - Other related health service and education agencies
- The training program is planned with each intern, with the recommendations of their Training Director taken into account, and is reviewed quarterly during the year and modified appropriately
- Internship is APA-approved and extends for one calendar year



### **Pediatric Neuropsychology Track:**

- The pediatric neuropsychology track through the Department of Psychology at St. Jude will serve as two major rotations of the consortium (8 months of the training year) and as a minor rotation during the 3rd period.
- Training is available in neuropsychological assessment, consultation, and intervention with children, adolescents, and young adults with catastrophic illnesses including cancer, sickle cell disease, other hematological disorders, and HIV/AIDS.
- Clinical training opportunities include, but are not limited to:
  - comprehensive neuropsychological assessment
  - school re-entry and Individualized Education Program (IEP) Planning
  - early childhood assessment and service coordination
  - · abbreviated neuropsychological screeners
  - brief bedside assessment for inpatients for recovery monitoring
- brief therapeutic interventions and cognitive remediation

#### Pediatric Psychology Track:

- The pediatric psychology track through the Department of Psychology at St. Jude will serve as two major rotations of the consortium (8 months of the training year) and as a minor rotation during the 3rd period.
- Training is available in psychological assessment and intervention with infants, children, adolescents, and young adults with catastrophic illnesses including cancer, sickle cell disease, other hematological disorders, and HIV/AIDS.
- Clinical training opportunities include, but are not limited to:
  - clinical and research-protocol driven psychological assessment
- early childhood assessment and service coordination
- · inpatient consultation/liaison
- inpatient/outpatient individual and family therapy
- non-pharmacological pain management interventions
- · health and behavior assessment and intervention
- procedural distress intervention and pill swallowing training



Pediatric psychology and neuropsychology fellowships are also available. Additional information regarding the Fellowship Training Programs in Psychology and the application process are available online at:



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