



2020 Summer Externship in Complex Developmental Disabilities

Position Summary: The School Age Division at Upstate Cerebral Palsy is excited to offer a cutting edge paid summer externship experience for three undergraduate students eager to explore career opportunities within the field of developmental disabilities. This externship is ideal for students intending on pursuing a career and possibly advanced education in the field of psychology, social work, medicine, teaching, and/or therapy. Undergraduate clinical externs will gain exposure to professional skills, activities, and evidence-based practices used for the education and treatment of children with complex developmental disabilities and co-occurring psychiatric disorders. The externship runs from 5/18-8/14/2020.

The clinical externship serves these main goals (three pillars), in order to expose interns to the fields that exist within services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities:

1. **Didactic Pillar:** skills training related evidence based practices in developmental disabilities.
2. **Application Pillar:** hands-on experience applying the trainings in the classroom.
3. **Process Pillar:** process group with other interns, for discussion of activities, and guest speakers for career exploration

Position Activities

- Complete Core Clinical Didactic Training program
- Participate in and observe evaluation and treatment planning
- Develop hands on skills to provide evidence based practices for students in the classroom
- Opportunities to shadow and talk with teachers, therapists, behavior specialists, medical staff, dieticians, social workers, psychologists, and direct care staff
- Gain exposure to state of the art clinical assessment practices used to address severe behavior.
- Conduct a variety of data collection procedures
- Trade experiences and observations with other interns in the process group
- Attend guest speaker presentations for career exploration
- Complete and present an externship project, such as case presentation highlighting a clinical or instructional technique.

Requirements

- Undergraduate student actively pursuing a Bachelor's degree (sophomore or above)
- Background in Psychology (at least introductory course taken)
- Externship is 35 hours per week and runs from 5/18-8/14/2020
- Complete application and agency background clearance

Key Dates

- Applications are due on 3/23/2020
- Interviews Completed by 4/17/2020

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