

Center for Autism – Externship Training Program
Department of Psychology
Sheppard Pratt

Application Process:

Please submit, via email, a cover letter with stated interest, current CV, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. Crystal DeVito at crystal.devito@sheppardpratt.org. Letters must be mailed or emailed directly from recommender. Applications are welcome January 1– March 31. Virtual interviews by invitation.

Location Address:

Center for Autism at Sheppard Pratt
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6501 North Charles Street
Baltimore MD 21204

Training Program:

The CFA offers an advanced training placement for psychology graduate students who are interested in psychological assessment of children and adolescents in a multidisciplinary clinical program located on Sheppard Pratt's Towson campus. Trainees must have completed coursework in psychological assessment, including tests of cognitive abilities/IQ, and have experience working with children. Trainees will be onsite two days (approximately 16 hours) per week providing psychological testing, gathering collateral information from schools and pediatricians, report-writing, and participating in case conferences and supervision. Trainees will gain valuable experience interacting with a strong multidisciplinary team including child & adolescent psychologist, psychiatrist, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, social workers, nurses, and behavior specialists. The CFA diagnostic clinic is relatively new, enabling psychology trainees to benefit from direct access to staff, as opposed to working in a larger group of students. Hours/days are flexible. One or two externs will be invited for the 2022-2023 year.

Services Provided:

Trainees provide outpatient psychological testing services to patients ages 1 ½ to 17 years in the Center for Autism diagnostic clinic. They will gain training and practice with administration, scoring, and interpretation of a wide range of tests as well as comprehensive report writing. A wide range of assessment measures are used in the clinic, and trainees will gain experience with measures of cognitive functioning, attention, memory, learning, adaptive skills, behavior, and emotional functioning. Sample of tests: Bayley-4, WPPSI-IV, WISC-V, Bracken, WRAML-3, WRAT-4, ADOS-2, BASC-3, DP-2, ASRS.

Supervision:

Trainees receive 1-2 hours/week of individual supervision by a licensed psychologist which may occur in person or via zoom. In addition, they will observe test administration, and be observed administering each test used. Reports of psychological evaluations will be reviewed and edited carefully, and trainees will gain valuable skills in test selection, administration, scoring, interpretation, and communication of results verbally and in writing. Trainees will have access to supervisor whenever needed with increased autonomy as knowledge and skills increase.

Population Served:

The CFA serves children, adolescents, and adults presenting with a variety of concerns, including questions about autism symptoms and diagnosis.

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