

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Child Psychology

General Summary of Duties

Under the supervision of faculty in the Department of Psychiatry, this position provides clinical and academic service to patients and students of the KU Medical Center. Clinical service will address the needs of patients identified as having psychiatric diagnoses and psychosocial issues related to these diagnoses in outpatient and inpatient settings. Academic service is concentrated in the areas of supervising clinical services provided by Psychology Interns in the Department of Psychiatry and teaching medical students, residents, and child psychiatry fellows as appropriate, and initiating and carrying out relevant research activities.

The goal of the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Child Psychology is to provide a unique and relevant practitioner-scholar training experience in child and adolescent psychology. The Postdoctoral Fellowship will be for a full year, with a full-time salary and package that includes paid holidays, health insurance, vacation and sick leave, and authorized leave for conferences.

Essential Functions

1. KUMC Inpatient Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Units (0.60 FTE)
 - a. Perform psychological evaluations of inpatients who are referred for psychology services. Evaluations will include examinations to characterize/diagnose psychopathology, cognitive status, and generate empirically supported treatment plans and recommendations. Use of relevant psychological tests, clinical interviews, review of pertinent medical records, and documentation of activities will be entered into the EMR.
 - b. Conduct ongoing individual, group, and family psychotherapy and cognitive screenings of patients as needed and appropriate.
 - c. Participation in staff meetings and rounds to review patients' progress and determine treatment goals, plan of care, and discharge.
 - d. Participation of performance improvement and administrative activities as assigned.
2. KUMC Outpatient Child and Adolescent Services (0.30 FTE)
 - a. Provide individual and family therapy services in an outpatient clinic setting.
 - b. Perform psychological evaluations of children and adolescents referred by KUMC physicians and outside referrals sources.
 - c. Participation of performance improvement and administrative activities as assigned.
3. KUMC Department of Psychiatry (0.10 FTE). The fellow will provide service to the KUMC Department of Psychiatry as follows:
 - a. Supervision of psychology interns, medical residents, and child psychiatry fellows on a limited basis, specific to the fellow's other areas of responsibility.
 - b. Formal teaching in the Psychiatry Resident and Psychology Didactic series opportunities.
4. Involvement in the design and execution of research, as indicated either by the fellow or by faculty from the Department of Psychiatry or other departments.

Qualifications

A doctoral degree (PhD or PsyD) in clinical, counseling, or school psychology from an APA-accredited program is required for this position.

Experience

Preferred candidates will have 1) extensive experience or knowledge base in relevant areas of child and adolescent psychology, cognitive psychology, and health psychology, and empirically supported interventions; 2) work experience/formal clinical training in medical/hospital settings; and 3) demonstrated ability to provide psychological assessment and interventions with individuals and families of individuals with a various psychiatric and medical disorders.

Physical/Mental Demands

The anticipated physical duties will require a combination of sitting, standing, and walking. Occasional stress in balancing multiple demands and working with individuals/families with a range of functional abilities, personal experiences, and unique characteristics.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

The residency program is strongly committed to supporting all aspects of cultural and individual diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, including marital or parental status, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its recruitment, retention, or development of residents, faculty or staff. We welcome and encourage well-qualified individuals with a commitment to diversity to apply for positions in our program. We aim to foster an attractive and nurturing atmosphere of learning where diverse residents, faculty, staff, and patients can understand, learn from, accept and appreciate one another.