



Postdoctoral Fellowship, Child and Adolescent Psychology

The Dirksen Center for Neurobehavioral Health (DCN) invites applications for postdoctoral fellowship in child and adolescent psychology.

Clinical Setting

The Dirksen Center is a well-established and growing practice focused on assessment and treatment of patients 18 months-23 years located in Arlington Heights, IL, a near-northwest suburb of Chicago. DCN staff includes 5 doctoral-level psychologists, administrative staff, testing technicians, and practice managers. Additionally, our therapists see patients in a primary care setting, and there is frequent consultation amongst our neuropsychologists, child psychologists, physicians, and trainees.

Clinical Training

- **Core Training:** DCN focuses on the assessment and treatment of children, adolescents, and college-age young adults referred with a variety of concerns that include anxiety, depression, ADHD and executive functioning challenges, disruptive behavior, family conflict, and challenges associated with mild autism spectrum disorder (e.g. social skills deficits). Referrals for pediatric concerns, including adjustment to a medical diagnosis (e.g. muscular dystrophy, cancer), feeding, and toileting challenges are also common. Intervention employs evidenced-based treatments, primarily CBT. Fellows work in a traditional outpatient setting as well as a pediatric primary care setting. Case load varies, but fellows carry 10-12 cases depending on the frequency and type of treatment. In addition to individual and family therapy, fellows complete 1 comprehensive assessment each week. Assessment includes developmental and neuropsychological evaluations for patients with a variety of medical conditions as well as referrals pertaining to ASD, ADHD, developmental delay, or learning disorder without underlying medical factors. Assessments for our youngest patients, ages 18 months through 3 years, occur in our Early Developmental Clinic.
- **Supervision:** At least one hour of weekly individual in-person supervision is required; additional supervision is available as needed and encouraged. Didactic components depend on the needs/interests of the trainee, but have included ADOS training, review of manualized treatments, review of neurodevelopment and behavior, neuroanatomy, frequent discussion about ethics and, for those interested, an introduction to the business of independent practice. Fellows participate in weekly staffings and a monthly journal club; leadership for the journal club rotates among participants.
- **Additional training:** Opportunities for independent research as well as more intensive assessment experience are available but not a required component of the fellowship.

Benefits and Compensation

Staff at DCN enjoy an active, supportive, and collegial environment with frequent interaction among referring colleagues and clinicians, including a journal club that meets monthly, weekly staffings, and an open-door policy for *ad hoc* supervision/consultation. Administrative support for scheduling, billing, verification of benefits, and insurance paneling/credentialing is in place. Technician support for testing and scoring is available.

Salary is competitive, and benefits include employee health insurance, funding for CEs/EPPP, retirement savings through IL Secure Choice, generous PTO in addition to 9 paid holidays, protected time for self-study, schedule flexibility, and technician support for test administration and scoring. Some work may be completed remotely depending on the task and on a case-by-case basis.

Application:

Applicants should submit a statement of interest, current CV, and 2 letters of recommendation via email to info@dirksencenter.com or via fax at 847-701-3275. More information about the practice can be found at www.dirksencenter.com. Start date is flexible.

- **Required:** Doctoral degree in clinical psychology with specialized training in child and adolescent psychology; successful completion of an APA-approved internship; experience implementing evidenced-based treatments
- **Preferred:** Specialized training and experience assessing children and adolescents; experience working in a multidisciplinary or medical setting.