



Boston Child Study Center

Expert Mental Health Treatment, Training & Research

Practicum/Externship Placements Announcement

The Boston Child Study Center (BCSC) is now accepting applications for practicum placements for the 2021-2022 academic year. We will be accepting up to 4 externs for a minimum two-day, 16-hour placement beginning September 2021. Given the age of our patient population and the times when patients are most likely to be scheduled, we require a minimum commitment of two later afternoon/evening days each week with a strong preference for three later afternoons/evenings each week. Trainees who are able to provide 16 hours each week will receive training in one major track only. For trainees who can provide 20+ hours, they will receive training in one major track but will have the opportunity to get an “auditing” experience in another minor track. To audit another track would allow a trainee to sit in on relevant training, team and group supervision but would not guarantee any clinical hours or responsibilities within that minor track.

Track options include Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), DBT for Trauma (e.g., DBT-Prolonged Exposure and DBT-PTSD), Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)/ Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT), Neuropsychological Assessment, Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

Trainees also have opportunities to receive limited training or see an individual case in the modalities of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Exposure and Response Prevention for OCD, and the Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT). BCSC uses a developmental training model in which a trainee’s skills are assessed over the course of training, and trainees are given clinical tasks consistent with their stage of development. As such, some trainees may begin carrying individual cases from the beginning of training and others may begin by co-running groups and providing track-specific direct clinical services within the intensive outpatient program. Some practicum experiences meet Advanced Practicum criteria for MA licensure, and BCSC will discuss modifications to make others consistent with criteria upon request.

Application requirements: Only advanced doctoral students will be considered. Applicants should list specifically their top choice tracks in their letter of interest. Interested candidates should forward a CV, a letter of interest specifying training rotation preference(s) that are numbered (e.g., first choice would be...), and one letter of reference to both our Director of Clinical Training, Beth Jerskey, Ph.D., at bjerskey@bostonchildstudycenter.com and our Practice Manager, Emily Hartson, at ehartson@bostonchildstudycenter.com with the subject line: **BCSC Externship Application**. For individuals who are sending reference letters directly to BCSC, please ask that they include the subject line: **BCSC Externship Application** and the last name of the applicant. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit materials early, however, all applications must be submitted by **Monday, January 4, 2021** to be considered. Interviews will take place later in January and early February and all interviews will be conducted via Zoom. For more information about the different training rotations, please visit our website at www.bostonchildstudycenter.com and select “2021-2022 Training Program Descriptions” under “Forms.”