



# Boston Child Study Center

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## ***Practicum/Externship Placements Announcement***

The Boston Child Study Center (BCSC) is now accepting applications for practicum placements for the 2022-2023 academic year. We will be accepting up to 4 externs for a minimum two-day, 16-hour placement beginning September 2022. 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. Clinical responsibilities for auditing will vary depending on track and clinical experience.

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

All trainees will participate in initial consultations focused on functional assessment, conduct exposure therapy using the inhibitory learning and values-based models, and co-lead group therapy. Trainees also have opportunities to receive limited training or see individual cases in the modalities of Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Exposure and Response Prevention for OCD, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnostic services, the Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT), and parent coaching/family therapy. 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. Please note that if you are interested in applying to the PCIT/TCIT or DBT tracks, you will need to be available on Tuesdays and if you are interested in the ACT or Neuropsychology tracks, you will need to be available on Wednesday mornings. In addition, RO DBT skills group takes place on Tuesday evenings and group supervision occurs on Wednesday afternoons, and trainees need to be available during these times each week.

**Application requirements:** Only advanced doctoral students will be considered (i.e., third year or greater). 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 Training,



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BCSC is passionate about building and sustaining an inclusive and equitable environment for all staff, clinicians, and trainees. We believe every member on our team enriches our community and that the diversity of experience and perspective on our team enhances the care we provide to families. We welcome any additional information you would like to share about yourself or your experiences that may not be reflected in your CV and cover letter. Inclusion of this information is completely voluntary. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, including applicants who identify as members of under-represented/rising groups.