Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology

Behavioral Psychology and Neuropsychology

Kennedy Krieger Institute
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, Maryland
The Kennedy Krieger Institute’s Psychology Training Program within the Departments of Behavioral Psychology and Neuropsychology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. The Program aim is to prepare doctoral interns to intermediate competence in the delivery of health service psychology for children and adolescents with a range of behavioral, emotional, health, and learning needs along with their families.

Kennedy Krieger is one of the nation’s leading programs dedicated to Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND). Administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the LEND program ensures that psychologists, physicians, nurses, therapists, and other allied health professionals are qualified to address the unique needs of children with special healthcare requirements and their families, maximizing the developmental potential of children and enhancing the quality of life for families.

All Kennedy Krieger doctoral interns receive their academic appointments through the Department of Pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The doctoral internship program at the Kennedy Krieger Institute has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1988 and is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers.
**Training Opportunities**

**Behavior Management Clinic** – provides short-term training to care providers aimed at addressing behavior problems common in preschool and school-age children, such as noncompliance, tantrums, meal and bedtime problems, toileting difficulties, and school behavior problems. Treatment typically occurs across multiple environments, such as the clinic, home, school, and/or daycare.

**Child & Family Therapy Clinic** – provides outpatient services to families of children exhibiting a wide range of behavioral and emotional difficulties, including oppositional defiant disorder, parent-child conflicts, attention deficits, school disruption, and other school-related issues/problems as well as aggression, anxiety, mood disorders, and phobias. The treatment approach entails working with the entire family as well as various family constellations (two parent, multigenerations, foster, grandparent headed) and systems, including school, social services, pediatrics, and psychiatry.

**Deafness Related Assessment Service (DREAM)** – provides advanced training in outpatient neuropsychological assessment of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, as well as children with a wide range of central nervous system disorders. Recommendations from evaluations seek to ameliorate the impact of brain impairment on cognitive, social, emotional and educational functioning. In addition, the service’s approach involves consultation to medical and school personnel, behavior and family therapy.

**Neurobehavioral Unit (Inpatient)** – a 16-bed unit dedicated to the assessment and treatment of individuals with severe destructive behaviors, such as self-injury, aggression, property destruction, pica, and tantrums. Goals include serving as a model for evaluation and treatment of severe destructive behavior, fostering the development of new therapeutic procedures, and promoting effective application of current treatments through training and consultation.

**Neurobehavioral Unit (Outpatient)** – provides a continuum of services for individuals with developmental disabilities who display severe destructive behaviors. These services include consultations, day treatment, intensive day treatment, and community-based services.

**Pediatric Developmental Disorders Clinic** – provides a wide range of behavioral services for children who are diagnosed with or suspected of having autism spectrum disorders or other developmental disabilities. Treatment of these children involves focusing on broad range functional communication.

**Pediatric Psychology Consultation Service & Outpatient Clinic** – applies behavioral science to the assessment and treatment of learning, behavior, or psychosocial problems associated with diagnosis, treatment, and adaptation to pediatric medical disorders. The primary goal is to promote normative child development and healthy psychological/behavioral adjustment, despite the often extraordinary stress associated with these children’s chronic medical disorders and the environments in which they are treated.

**Pediatric Feeding Disorders** – offers inpatient, day treatment and outpatient services for children with feeding disorders. The approach is interdisciplinary, with core services, including behavioral psychology, gastroenterology, nutrition, social work, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy.

**Pediatric Neuropsychology Service** – provides assessment and treatment of children with a wide range of central nervous system and neurodevelopmental disorders. The service’s primary mission is to minimize the impact of brain injury or impairment on cognitive, social, emotional, and educational functioning.
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Since our original accreditation, close to 600 individuals have completed their doctoral internships in psychology at Kennedy Krieger. Many of these former trainees have assumed leadership positions in their fields through faculty appointments at universities and medical centers along with editorial positions at leading peer-reviewed journals. Their significant accomplishments are testaments to the strength and success of the training program at Kennedy Krieger.

Our training alumni now hold positions at the following:

- Akron Children's Hospital
- Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital
- Caldwell College
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- Children's Hospital of New Orleans
- Children's Medical Center Dallas
- Children's National Medical Center
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Columbia University Medical Center
- Emory University
- Helen Devos Children's Hospital
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics
- Louisiana State University
- Mississippi State University
- National Institute of Mental Health
- Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Portland Autism Center
- Seattle Children's Autism Center
- Southern Illinois University
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
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- University of Northern Iowa
- University of South Florida
- US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University School of Medicine
- Weill Cornell Medical College
- West Virginia University

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