

School-Based Mental Health Program
Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital (CHONY) of New York Presbyterian

The School-Based Mental Health Program (SBMHP) is an outpatient mental health service that is part of the Department of Pediatric Psychiatry in Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian. SBMHP works in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education and state and city public mental health authorities to provide school-based mental health services in public schools throughout Northern Manhattan, currently serving 10 elementary school and 3 middle school sites.

The School-Based Mental Health Program provides on-site clinical, psychiatric, case management, and school-consultation services to children from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade and their families. Patients have a variety of externalizing and internalizing disorders. The majority of families are bi-cultural and bi-lingual (Spanish/English). Most services are provided on-site at the school with the exception of neuropsychological testing, which will take place at the hospital with the Promise Program.

Externs will have the opportunity to provide individual therapy, family therapy, parenting support, group therapy, teacher/staff consultation, diagnostic evaluations, neuropsychological testing, and linkage to appropriate community-based services. The extern is expected to carry approximately 4-5 individual therapy cases, co-lead 1-2 groups with their supervisor or another therapist, participate in 2-3 partial neuropsychological evaluations, and complete 1-2 full neuropsychological evaluations over the course of the year. Externs will also have the opportunity to complete 8-10 initial diagnostic evaluations.

Externs will be supervised by New York State Licensed Psychologists and Board Certified Child Psychiatrists. Supervision will be broken down accordingly: one hour per week with their primary clinical supervisor regarding evaluation and therapy cases; one hour per week with their Promise Program supervisor regarding neuropsychological testing cases; and one and a half hours per week of group supervision in multidisciplinary team meetings. Externs will also attend a monthly didactic seminar with other externs and weekly Child Psychiatry Grand Rounds presentations at the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

The externship will run from July 1st through the end of June. Externs are expected to complete 16 hours per week over 2.5 days, which is typically broken down into two half-days at their primary school site and one full day at the hospital. Wednesday is a required day for externs to be on-site at the hospital to attend multidisciplinary team meetings, Grand Rounds presentations, Promise Program supervision, and didactic seminars.

Doctoral candidates must be enrolled in at least their 2nd year in an APA-accredited clinical or school psychology program, have experience working with children, and have a working knowledge of the DSM-V and child assessment. Proficiency in Spanish is a plus. To apply, please email a letter of interest, CV, DCT letter or readiness, two letters of recommendation, and a sample testing report to externSBMH@gmail.com.

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