

# New Connections Academy

865 East Wilmette Road, Suite A, Palatine, IL 60074

## Population Served

- Private Therapeutic Day School for Students with Special Education Eligibility
- Children & Adolescents/Young Adults (ages 6-21)
- Students with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Many students also have co-morbid diagnoses of ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Conduct Disorder or ODD, PTSD, OCD, or other mood disorders.

## Training Positions

- 3-4 Externships Positions

## Extern Training Opportunities

- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Family Collaboration & Therapy
- 1.5 hours individual supervision/week
- 1 hour group supervision/week
- 1.5 hours didactic training/week
- Training on SCERTS Model
- Monthly Family Therapy Seminar
- Formal Individualized Education Plan (IEP) & Special Educational training
- Participation in IEP meetings
- Ethical & Legal Training
- Evidence Based Intervention Training
- Autism specific training



## **Practicum Format & Benefits**

- Hours: 8am – 4pm (occasional rotation 7:45-5:20)
- Practicum starts early August and runs through the mid July
- Externs are required to be on site 3 days/week
- Tuesday is a mandatory training day
- Externs carry an individual caseload of 3-4 students & lead 2 social skills groups per week
- Vacation Time: Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring, Summer Breaks, all National Holidays, & modified Summer Schedule (4 days per week for last 5 weeks of Practicum)
- 10 Sick Days & 1 Personal Day during year
- No pager, crisis phone line, or on-call duties
- Free Lunch available daily from Organic Life
- Free Parking/Access to Train
- Monthly allowances for program/clinical supplies

## **Didactic Trainings Include:**

- SCERTS Model
- Social Thinking Model
- Social Stories
- Zones of Regulation
- Art/Music Therapy
- IEP Writing
- CPI Techniques & Interventions
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for treatment of Anxiety, Anger, & Social Skills
- APA Ethical Codes & Principles
- Collaborative & Proactive Solutions

## **NCA Lead Clinical Staff**

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