

Connections Day School

SINCE 1998 ~ SERVING OUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 20 YEARS

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Connections Day School is a Member of the **APA Accredited** Connections Internship Consortium (CIC)

<https://www.connectionsinternshipconsortium.net>

POPULATION SERVED

- ❖ **Children & Adolescents** with Special Education Eligibilities (Emotional & Behavioral Challenges) **and their Families**
- ❖ Individuals struggling with mild to severe: depression & related mood disorders; anxiety disorders; disruptive, impulse-control & conduct disorders; trauma & stressor related disorders; substance-related & addictive disorders; neurodevelopmental disorders; obsessive-compulsive disorders; psychotic disorders; and personality disorders.
- ❖ CDS Students and their families are diverse in age, culture, ethnicity, race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender identity and sexual orientation.

TRAINING POSITIONS

- ❖ 4 Therapy Externs
- ❖ 3 Doctoral Interns
- ❖ 3 Post-Doctoral Fellows

INTERNSHIP

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Daily opportunities for Individual, Group, Family & Milieu Therapy and Crisis Intervention
- ❖ 2 hours of Individual Supervision, 4 hour of Group Supervision, and 1.5 hours of Didactic Training per week (all with on-site Supervisors)
- ❖ Monthly Family Therapy Seminar & Consultation
- ❖ Monthly Psychiatric Consultation
- ❖ Opportunity to Provide Informal Supervision to Externs
- ❖ Optional Animal-Assisted Therapy with our 3 Staff Therapy Dogs (& Therapy Guinea Pig ☺)
- ❖ Participation in Multidisciplinary Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Meetings for the students on your caseload
- ❖ Working as a Valued Member of a Multidisciplinary Team which includes: Special Education Teachers, Behavior Specialists, a Psychiatrist, Art Therapist, Substance Abuse Specialist, Speech & Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and other established Psychologists & Professionals in the Field



Connections Day School follows APPIC Guidelines for all Doctoral Internship applicants.

INTERNSHIP FORMAT & BENEFITS

- ❖ \$30,000 stipend
- ❖ Optional Healthcare, Dental and 401K benefits
- ❖ Initial 12 month commitment, with the possibility of continuing on as a Post-Doctoral Fellow within the Connections Organization | Start Date: early-August
- ❖ Average individual therapy caseload of 10 students and 4-5 groups per week
- ❖ Hours: 8:00am – 4:00pm | 16 Paid Sick Days and 2 Paid Personal Days for the year
- ❖ Vacation Time: Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring & Summer Breaks, all National Holidays, and a modified Summer Schedule (4 days per week - M-Th - for the last 5 weeks of the school year)
- ❖ No pager, crisis line or on-call duties
- ❖ Laptop Computer
- ❖ Free lunch available daily from Organic Life (see CDS website for sample menu)
- ❖ Free parking
- ❖ Access to a Clinical Library of books & manuals, and therapeutic resources & supplies
- ❖ Monthly allowance for therapeutic supplies and incentives
- ❖ Staff Appreciation outings & events and team-building activities throughout the year

SPECIALIZED DIDACTIC TRAINING TOPICS

- ❖ Diagnosis & Treatment of Complex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Presentations
- ❖ Working Collaboratively & Proactively as Part of a Restorative Therapeutic Milieu
- ❖ Legal & Ethical Issues when Working with Children, Adolescents & Families
- ❖ Equity, Inclusion & Multicultural Competence
- ❖ Strength-Based Treatment Approaches
- ❖ Complex Trauma, PTSD & EMDR
- ❖ Occupational Therapy & Sensory Processing
- ❖ Evidence-Based Treatment Approaches
- ❖ Art Therapy
- ❖ Individual & Family Substance Abuse
- ❖ Autism Spectrum Disorder & Neuropsych
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ Crisis Prevention & Intervention (CPI)
- ❖ The Special Education System & Individualized Education Programs (IEP)
- ❖ Data Collection, Progress Monitoring & Outcome Measurements



LEAD CLINICAL TRAINING STAFF

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