Postdoctoral Fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology (2027-2029)
Children's Hospital of Orange County, a part of Rady Children's Health

Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), a part of Rady Children's Health, is pleased to offer one two-year, full-time postdoctoral fellowship in **Pediatric Neuropsychology** beginning August 23, 2027, and ending August 17, 2029. CHOC's postdoctoral fellowship offers a major area of study in clinical neuropsychology which adheres to specialty training guidelines and exit criteria recommended by the Houston Conference Guidelines. The objective of the fellowship is to provide advanced training in neuropsychological evaluation of children and adolescents with a wide range of medical conditions that impact the central nervous system and provide fellows with the experience required for independent practice, state licensure, and board certification. The fellowship has an emphasis on clinical training (~60% time) utilizing a rotation model, with additional time divided across supervision, didactics, research, and professional development.

Fellows will work closely with our six neuropsychologists (including two board-certified) in performing outpatient pediatric neuropsychological assessments for a wide range of populations, with rotations including (but not limited to) evaluations across pre-surgical and post-surgical epilepsy, oncology brain tumor and long-term cancer survivorship, congenital heart disease and cardiac arrest survivorship, genetic disorders, metabolic disorders, acquired brain injuries, neuroimmunological diseases, and additional neurological populations (e.g., hydrocephalus, infectious diseases). Notably, CHOC has a Level IV Epilepsy Center with a busy EEG monitoring and epilepsy surgery program and is a member of the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium (PERC). Additionally, CHOC's Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Program is a member of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative and participates in national multi-site clinical and research initiatives. Fellows will also be provided training in the provision of supervision, with opportunities for vertical supervision/consultation of interns and/or practicum students.

Educational training experiences include our biweekly Advanced Neuropsychology Seminar which includes both junior colleagues and faculty neuropsychologists and focuses on neuropsychological populations, neuroanatomy, case conceptualization, and literature. In addition, the group participates in our biweekly Board Preparation Seminar, which serves as preparation for both junior colleagues and faculty neuropsychologists pursuing board certification (e.g., fact finding, practice sample, ethics and professional identity). Fellows also serve as lecturers for the bimonthly intern assessment seminar, Child and Adolescent Assessment Seminar. Additional weekly seminars focused on topics including professional development, supervision, and ethics are offered through the broader CHOC psychology fellowship. Fellows will also have the opportunity to deliver presentations on neuropsychology topics within our training program seminars, hospital, and/or community.

CHOC serves a culturally and linguistically diverse population, and the training program places an emphasis on multicultural neuropsychology. The program offers a unique training opportunity in the neuropsychological assessment of bilingual (English-Spanish) pediatric patients for Spanish-speaking fellows under the supervision of three bilingual neuropsychologists. In addition to the integration of health equity considerations into each seminar series, fellows are also encouraged to

participate in our Diversity Seminar. For those fellows and faculty proficient in Spanish, our Psychology department also offers a unique opportunity through our CHiSPA seminar, which is conducted in Spanish and covers a variety of clinical and multicultural topics. CHOC accepts applications from international trainees who possess valid work authorizations for the United States.

Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in clinical research and program development alongside neuropsychology faculty. Fellows are expected to complete one research project per year and present their results as presentations, posters, and/or papers within local, regional, and/or national forums. Additionally, our neuropsychological faculty are involved in advocacy and leadership across many neuropsychological organizations, and fellows are invited to participate in such opportunities. Our training program looks forward to the implementation of updated education and training guidelines recommended by the Minnesota Update Conference, at which CHOC had two representatives within the planning commission and conference delegates.

CHOC has been recognized by the U.S. News & World Report as a Best Children's Hospital and is nationally ranked in eight pediatric specialties including Behavioral Health, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Cancer, and Cardiology and Heart Surgery. Additionally, the hospital is located in central Orange County, placing it less than 30 minutes from the Pacific Ocean and approximately an hour drive from the cities of Los Angeles and San Diego, providing easy access to beautiful beaches, mountains, cultural attractions, shopping centers, and theme parks. Orange County is rich with multicultural communities and offers great diversity in terms of its culture and food, with significant Hispanic and Asian populations. Housing costs in Orange County tend to be on the average to high average side but are often more affordable than in other major metropolitan areas. The Southern California climate is very moderate all year round.

Salary and Benefits

- Fellows: $74,505/year (with 5% increase in second year after passing the EPPP)
- Medical, dental, and vision insurance (after first full month of employment)
- Paid time off (total of 21 days each year) for vacation (13 days) and departmental holidays (8 days)
- Paid sick leave (total of 5 days per year)
- Medical leave consistent with the Family Medical Leave Act and California Family Rights Act (typically consisting of at least 10 weeks of pregnancy disability and 12 weeks of baby bonding time, including 8 paid weeks after 1 year of employment)
- An additional 3 days of educational leave per year and access to professional funds (for conference attendance or licensure classes)
- Free parking and complimentary meals in the Doctor's Dining Room and cafeteria
- Each fellow is assigned a desktop or laptop computer
- Embedded video cameras are available on site to enhance the supervision experience, including facilitating supervision of more challenging cases
- Access to professional books, journals, and audiovisual materials through the Psychology/Neuropsychology Training Program library and the Burlew Medical Library, located on the CHOC/St. Joseph Hospital Campus

Application Requirements

- Completion of doctoral degree in psychology from an APA- or CPA-accredited program
- Anticipated completion of a 1-year APA- or CPA-accredited clinical internship
- One year of experience providing clinical services to children in a medical setting
- Interest in, exposure to, and experience with pediatric neuropsychology through coursework, clinical placement, or research

Application and Selection Process

The application deadline for fellows is **December 1, 2026,** to begin training on August 23, 2027. Please submit all application materials to Alexander Tan, Ph.D., ABPP-CN and Marni Nagel, Ph.D. at https://redcap.link/CHOC_fellow_application. Please have letters of recommendation sent directly by recommenders to Dr. Tan/Dr. Nagel at https://redcap.link/CHOC_fellow_app_LOR. Please include the following in your application:

- Letter of interest describing goals for postdoctoral fellowship, relevant training and experience, and perceived fit with program
- Curriculum vitae
- Graduate school transcripts
- Completed pediatric neuropsychological evaluation report (with identifying information removed)
- Three letters of recommendations from graduate faculty and/or clinical supervisors – 1 letter from your graduate program, 1 letter from your internship site, and 1 additional letter from a supervisor of your choice

Interviews will be held virtually on **Tuesday, December 15, 2026** by invitation only in order to minimize the significant financial and time burden for applicants. On-site tours of CHOC can be arranged for any interested applicants but are not a requirement, as we are unable to reimburse travel costs. The interview process includes a semi-structured interview that allows all applicants the same opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained over the course of their graduate training. Time is also scheduled for open-ended discussion and questions, in addition to opportunities to talk with current fellows.

The pediatric neuropsychology fellowship does not participate in the APPCN match and will be making offers on a rolling basis prior to the APPCN match date. Applicants offered positions with our program should understand that prior to beginning the fellowship they will be required to successfully pass a required brief medical examination, which includes a drug test. Applicants will also undergo a required background check which CHOC requires of all employees in order to ensure the safety of our pediatric patients.

Questions

For additional information, please visit: https://www.choc.org/wp/careers/residency-training-programs/psychology-postdoctoral-fellowship/

If you have programmatic questions, please contact:

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CHOC Pediatric Neuropsychology Training Program Lead
Email: Psychology_Training@choc.org

If you have questions regarding the status of your application (e.g., is it complete or what is missing), please email Psychology_Training@choc.org or call (714) 509-3455 and ask for Gabriella.