



The Children's Assessment Center is a non-profit, multidisciplinary organization founded in 1991 to serve the needs of sexually abused children and their families in Harris County, the largest metropolitan area in Texas. The Center aims to promote the healing of child victims of sexual abuse and their families by providing: 1) forensic interviewing and criminal investigation of sexual abuse allegations, 2) sexual assault medical examinations, 3) therapy and psychological services, 4) expert testimony in civil and criminal court cases, and 5) advocacy for children and families.

The clinical internship requires a minimum of 16-24 hour/week commitment for a minimum one academic school year, or two semesters. Training experiences are tailored to the training needs of the student and program requirements. Weekly supervision is provided by a licensed clinician.

The student intern at The CAC has the opportunity to gain clinical experience with:

- Intake interviews
- Crisis interventions
- Treatment Planning
- Individual therapy with children ages 3-18 years and/or adults
- Group therapy with children and/or non-offending caregivers
- Family therapy
- Couples therapy

In addition, the student intern has the opportunity to participate in:

- Weekly staff meetings
- Weekly EBT consultation groups and case staffing
- Biweekly Journal Hour in which journal articles are presented and discussed
- Weekly didactic trainings focused on various mental health topics
- Opportunity to participate in MDT meetings
- Opportunity to observe civil and/or criminal court in sexual abuse cases

Based on Supervisor Availability the CAC Therapy and Psychological Services Department accepts trainees from the following disciplines:

- Licensed Professional Counselor Programs
- Social Work Programs
- Marriage and Family Therapy Programs
- Doctoral Psychology Programs

Application Timeframes

For a traditional two-semester Fall start date, interviews generally occur in the Spring. Applications may be accepted on a rolling basis; however, all interviews will occur between February and March, with notice of intent to offer a placement occurring between March and April, depending on program requirements. If your program or school has a formal Match, Marketplace, or other process, please reach out to inquire if our program is part of your formal match proceedings.

We may offer intern placements starting in Spring and Summer, dependent upon supervisor availability. In these cases, we would notify applicants of our projected timeframe of interviewing and offering. For example, for a Spring start, applications would be accepted in October, with interviews to occur in November.

Notable

Required days on-site for all trainees are Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Department Meeting, Case Consultation, EBT training, and Journal Hour) and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Didactic Training). As a clinical site, we do not follow an academic calendar meaning that school breaks do not equate to breaks from client care. As with any professional institution, you are welcome to time off provided you consult with your supervisor and account for client care needs. Given the population served, our site only accepts applicants with some prior clinical experience. The purpose of this practice is to best serve our clients and trainees.

If you are interested in finding out more about clinical practicum opportunities at The CAC, please contact Dr. Hinkle at 713-986-3460 or rosa.hinkle@cac.hctx.net.