

Common Practicum Placements

Listed below are common placements for advanced practica.

The University of Memphis Psychological Services Center

Director: Jim Whelan, Ph.D.

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Psychologist supervisors: Jim Whelan, Ph.D., Randy Floyd, Ph.D., and Beth Meisinger, Ph.D.

Description: A university-based, outpatient psychology clinic serving a child, adolescent, and adult population. Training experiences include providing comprehensive psychoeducational assessments; coordinating the assignment of assessment cases referred; attending weekly didactic group supervision meetings with other clinic staff and the clinic director; attending weekly individual supervision meetings with case supervisors; and supervising other students conducting psychoeducational assessments.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center's Boling Center for Developmental Disabilities

Director: Laura Murphy, Ed.D.

Contact information: lmurphy@uthsc.edu, (901) 448-6511

Psychologist supervisor: Laura Murphy, Ed.D.

Description: A psychology clinic serving primarily children age 2-10 and focusing on children 3-7 years of age. Most children and families seek to rule out autism, ADHD, or intellectual disability. Training experiences include psychological assessment; evidence-based therapies (i.e., Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA); interdisciplinary team staffing; applied research on assessment and evidence-based therapies; attending weekly didactic group supervision meetings with other clinic staff and the clinic director; and attending weekly individual supervision meetings with case supervisors.

Note: Students usually have 2-3 supervisors.

Shelby County Schools Mental Health Center

Description: Provides psychological services to children, adolescents, and their families in the Shelby County Schools. Training experiences include conducting psychoeducational assessments, classroom behavioral observations, teacher consultation, and individual therapy; providing and attending in-service trainings; co-facilitating counseling groups (i.e., anger management, bereavement, etc.); and participating in IEP team meetings and weekly individual supervision.

Shelby County Schools Threat Assessment Team

Supervising Psychologist: Ken Strong, Ed.D.

Contact information: strongkc@scsk12.org, (901) 361-4286

Psychologist supervisors: Ken Strong, Ed.D. & David Wilkins, Ph.D.

Description: The Memphis City Schools Threat Assessment Team is a unique combination of psychologists and social workers trained to assess individuals, based on Structured Professional Judgment, who have made salient threats or engaged in violent behavior warranting evaluation of violence risk in a school setting. This evaluation is intended to ensure safety in the school environment for the child, other children, and for school staff. Training experiences include conducting academic and behavioral case history assessment; conducting structured student and parent interviews; administering behavior and psychopathological rating scales; writing violence-risk reports; and providing recommendations for school and home.

Note: Students usually have 2-3 supervisors and work as a member of the interdisciplinary threat assessment team.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Director of Clinical Services and Training: Valerie M. Crabtree, Ph.D.

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Psychologist supervisors: Valerie Crabtree, Ph.D. & James Klosky, Ph.D.

Description: Training experiences include conducting psychoeducational assessments and classroom observations; attending school reentry programs and IEP meetings; and attending rounds concerning the needs and assessments of children with chronic illnesses.

Exchange Club Family Center

Clinical Director: Catherine Collins, Ph.D.

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Psychologist supervisors: Catherine Collins, Ph.D.

Description: Provides services to children and families who have experienced abuse. Training experiences include parent education; conducting anger management therapy; facilitating individual and group therapy; and participating in weekly staffings.

Shelby County Head Start

Health Manager: Ms. Rachel Hennings

Psychologist supervisors: Warren Harper, Ph.D.

Contact information: hennings-r@scgheadstart.com; drwharper@aol.com

Description: This site serves preschool children, their teachers, and their families. Training experiences include facilitating intensive, one-on-one interventions to address emotional and behavioral difficulties in the classroom setting; providing teacher and parent consultation; enhancing parent education; and conducting psychoeducational assessments.