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I. PURPOSE:

The Department of Pediatric Psychology, Children's Hospital of Orange County, provides a one-year, full-time doctoral Clinical Psychology internship fully accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). APA accreditation of a graduate level psychology internship provides the public with assurance that psychologists have received the best quality training available. In addition, the department also provides postdoctoral and practicum level training in Pediatric and Child Clinical Psychology for qualified candidates.

The setting provides opportunities for practicum students, doctoral interns and postdoctoral fellows to work with pediatric medical problems as well as general child, adolescent, and young adult psychological and behavioral problems with the goal of improving the level of adaptation, development, and quality of life of children and their families. For practicum and doctoral psychology interns, the purpose of the training program is to promote the development of professional competencies in child and pediatric clinical psychology within an intradisciplinary, multicultural environment. For postdoctoral fellows, the purpose of the training program is to further develop independent professional competencies and a specialty practice in child clinical and/or pediatric psychology within an intradisciplinary, multicultural environment. For doctoral psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows, the training and experiences provided meet requirements for licensure by the state of California (as well as other states). These training programs contribute to

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the overall CHOC mission, through service activities which improve the overall well being of children and their families, as well as training future professionals who have special expertise working with children within a medical setting.

II. PROCEDURE:

- **A.** The practicum, doctoral internship, and the postdoctoral fellowship, which are housed within the Department of Pediatric Psychology, are administered by the Director of Training. Day to day operations are overseen by the Manager of Psychology.
- **B.** Training opportunities available at CHOC include consultation/liaison services to all pediatric units, developmental, psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological assessments, individual and family psychotherapy, and work with acute psychiatric crises for inpatients and outpatients. In addition, professional seminars, case conferences, and clinical supervision for al trainees are an important component of the training year.
- **C.** Supervision for practicum students, doctoral interns, and postdoctoral fellows will meet the standards for State licensure set by the Board of Psychology, Consumer Affairs, and State of California.
- D. Doctoral interns and postdoctoral fellows will be employees of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) and will follow all HR policies set forth by CHOC. Through the trainees' affiliation with CHOC they receive specialized training and experience with general psychological and behavioral problems of children as well as pediatric medical problems. Practicum students are processed through the Medical Student office.
- E. Training at the doctoral level conforms to the standards of the American Psychological Association's (APA) guidelines for accreditation of internships. The doctoral internship has been accredited by APA since 1992.
- F. Training at both the doctoral and postdoctoral levels will confirm with the guidelines of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral Internship Centers (APPIC). The mission of APPIC is to facilitate the achievement and maintenance of high quality training in professional psychology and it also operates the doctoral psychology internship match system.

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For Doctoral Psychology Interns, the training program is APA accredited.

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