

NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Doctoral Internship Program in Pediatric Health & Neuropsychology

Psychology Internship Program (PIP) • Intern Manual & Program Overview • 2026–2027

Pediatric Health Track

2 interns • Evaluation & intervention with medically involved infants, children, and adolescents

Neuropsychology Track

2 interns • Evaluation & intervention for neurocognitive and complex CNS-affecting conditions

Formalizing Excellence in Pediatric and Neuropsychology

Our mission is to contribute to and formalize our commitment to the fields of pediatric health psychology, child and adolescent clinical psychology, and clinical neuropsychology.

All interns are expected to acquire knowledge and develop skills consistent with the program's training philosophy — gaining experience in psychological assessment, intervention, and consultation-liaison service.

Each intern also participates in a specialized interdisciplinary training track, providing services consistent with that track throughout the internship year.

Trainees engage in supervised diagnostic, therapeutic, and clinical research experiences, with supervisors serving as professional role models who monitor progress and ensure training needs are met.

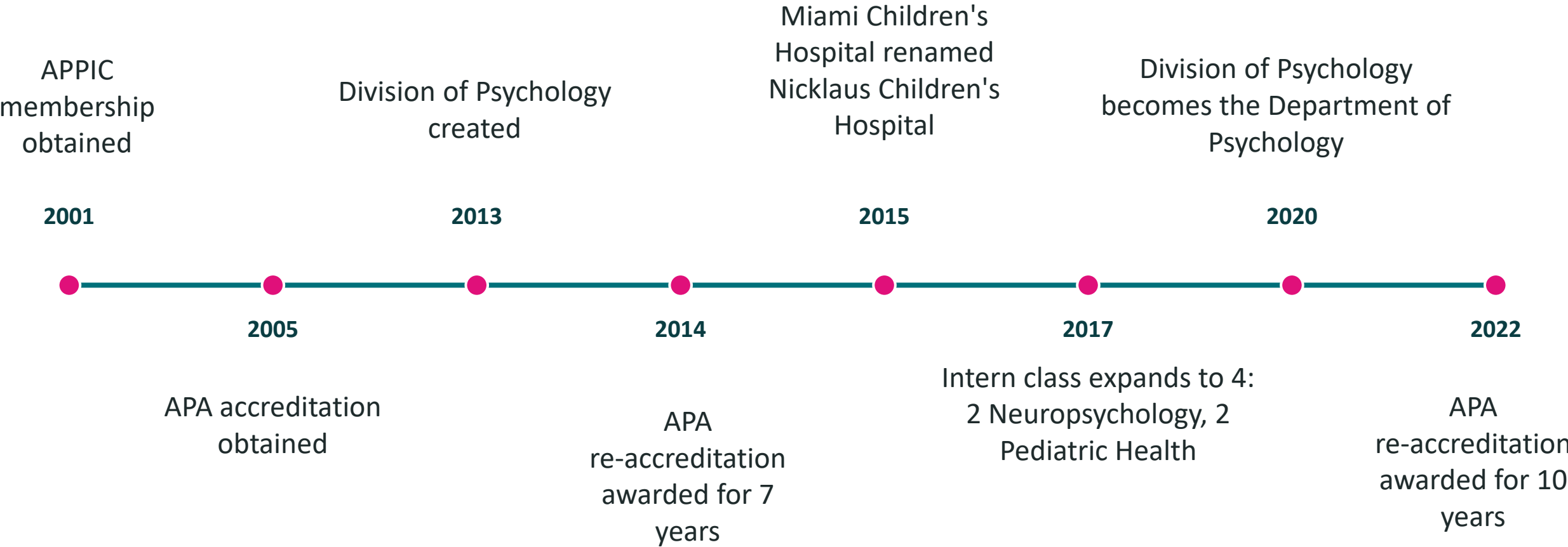
Practitioner-Scholar Model

Integrates scholarship with experiential, supervised learning across all training activities.

Graduated Complexity

Training is sequential, cumulative, and graded — from didactics and shadowing to independent practice.

Two Decades of Accredited Training



Where Training Happens



Since August 2025, the department operates across two sites — outpatient care and testing at South Miami, and hospital-based services at the main hospital.



South Miami Office

6262 Sunset Drive Suite 500
South Miami, FL 33143

- All outpatient therapy — individual & group treatment sessions
- All outpatient psychological & neuropsychological testing/assessment
- Supervision and didactic seminars



Nicklaus Children's Hospital - Main Campus

3100 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, FL 33155

- All Consultation-Liaison (C-L) consults
- All multidisciplinary specialty clinics
- Inpatient neuropsychological testing (pre-/post-surgical epilepsy, oncology, and other inpatient evaluations)

A Large, Integrated Pediatric Psychology Service

23

Licensed Psychologists
across multiple locations

1,500+

Inpatient C-L Consults / Year

11

Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Clinical Locations in South Florida

14

Multidisciplinary Specialty Clinics

The Psychology Department is an integral member of the hospital's interdisciplinary healthcare teams, collaborating with physicians, nurses, social workers, child life specialists, rehabilitation professionals, and medical subspecialties across inpatient, outpatient, and multidisciplinary settings.

Inpatient Consultation-Liaison

Psychologists provide consultation across all medical units — including NICU, CICU, Endocrinology, Neurology, Hematology/Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplant. Common referrals include adjustment to illness, medical adherence, pain management, procedural anxiety, coping with chronic illness, mood/behavioral concerns, trauma, and family adjustment.

Outpatient & Multidisciplinary Care

Services include individual therapy, psychological and neuropsychological assessment, developmental evaluations, parent training, evidence-based group interventions, and embedded specialty-clinic care — available across South Miami, Weston, Palm Beach Gardens, Naples, West Kendall, Pinecrest, Coral Reef, and Fort Lauderdale. **Our interns participate in South Miami and Nicklaus Children's Hospital - Main Campus.**

Practitioner-Scholar Model of Training

From didactic seminars to shadowing experiences, interns are trained in a manner that is sequential, cumulative, and graded in complexity. Progression toward independent, science-informed practice is closely monitored through supervision provided across all aspects of training.



Two Specialty Training Pathways

Regardless of track, all interns share a common curriculum: individual and group supervision, outpatient therapy, didactic seminars, interdisciplinary collaboration, consultation, professional development, and opportunities for teaching and scholarly engagement.

PEDIATRIC HEALTH TRACK

2 interns per year

- Individual outpatient psychotherapy (~8 hrs/week)
- Inpatient Consultation-Liaison services
- 6-month Clinic rotation + 6-month Assessment rotation
 - Multidisciplinary clinic rotation: Diabetes, IBD, Headache, Neuro-Genetics, Rare Chromosome Disorders, Survivorship/Late Effects, and Pediatric Health
 - Assessment rotation: Developmental, neuropsychological, and/or psychoeducational assessment
- Education/consultation to pediatric medical residents
- Group psychotherapy

PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY TRACK

2 interns per year

- Comprehensive outpatient neuropsychological evaluations (epilepsy, TBI, brain tumors, etc.)
- Opportunities for bilingual (Spanish/English) evaluations and/or developing knowledge of culturally appropriate norms and culturally competent assessments
- Inpatient evaluations, incl. pre-/post-surgical epilepsy and oncology consults
- Opportunity to observe functional language mapping, craniotomies, and WADA testing dependent on case availability
- Inpatient Consultation-Liaison services
- Individual outpatient psychotherapy (~6 hours/week)
- Multidisciplinary clinics (Neuro-Oncology)
- Education to medical residents & neurology fellows
- Group psychotherapy

Consultation-Liaison (C-L) Service

Under supervision of licensed pediatric psychologists and fellows, interns respond to consultation requests from attending physicians and multidisciplinary teams for hospitalized children and adolescents with acute and chronic medical conditions.

- Units covered: Neurology, Hematology/Oncology, Bone Marrow Transplant, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Surgery, Pulmonology, and other specialty programs
- Common referrals: adjustment to illness/hospitalization, medical adherence, pain management, procedural anxiety, chronic illness coping, mood/behavioral concerns, trauma, grief, family adjustment
- Pediatric Health interns attend weekly multidisciplinary oncology rounds
- PH interns complete pre-Bone Marrow Transplant evaluations

Skills Developed

Through daily C-L work, interns strengthen competencies in:

- Psychological assessment & brief intervention
- Interdisciplinary consultation
- Family-centered care
- Application of the biopsychosocial model in a fast-paced pediatric medical environment
- Clinical and cognitive flexibility

Sample Monthly Consult Coverage Schedule

Psychology Services In-Hospital Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Attending Neuropsych Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Neuropsych + Peds Health Intern
Week 2	Attending Neuropsych Intern	Attending/Fellow Peds Health Intern	Attending Peds Health Interns	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Neuropsych + Peds Health Intern`
Week 3	Attending Neuropsych Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Neuropsych + Peds Health Intern
Week 4	Attending Neuropsych Intern	Attending/Fellow Peds Health Intern	Attending Peds Health Interns	Fellow Peds Health Intern	Fellow Neuropsych + Peds Health Intern`

Outpatient Therapy

Interns provide outpatient services under the supervision of licensed psychologists, using developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive interventions for a broad range of behavioral, emotional, and adjustment concerns. This includes both individual and group therapy.

8 hrs/week

Pediatric Health Track — diverse caseload spanning primary mental health concerns and complex medical conditions

6 hrs/week

Neuropsychology Track — balances psychotherapy with advanced neuropsychological assessment training

Common referral concerns: anxiety, depression, behavioral difficulties, adjustment to chronic illness, medical adherence, pain management, sleep concerns, parent-child relationship difficulties, and coping with complex medical conditions.

Across both tracks: 1 hour of individual supervision per week, case conceptualization, treatment planning, and development of proficiency delivering evidence-based interventions in an integrated healthcare setting.

Internship Core Training Areas

Outpatient Therapy	Individual therapy • Group therapy • Outpatient consultation
Assessment	Developmental & psychological testing; delays, intellectual deficits, learning problems, emotional/behavioral disturbances
Consultation-Liaison	Respond to consults from attending physicians for inpatients; follow patients requiring continued intervention
Multidisciplinary Clinics	Diabetes, Gastroenterology, Sickle Cell, Headache, Late Effects, Rare Chromosome Disorders, Neurogenetics
Teaching	Train medical residents in early development, assessment, and intervention

Internship Core Training Areas

The neuropsychology track provides a diverse range of clinical, didactic, and research training experiences designed to prepare interns for competitive postdoctoral fellowships within the Association of Postdoctoral programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) match.

Neuropsychological Evaluations	Outpatient: full batteries for CNS conditions (epilepsy, TBI, brain tumors). Inpatient: pre-/post-surgical evaluations for epilepsy and oncology
Consultation-Liaison	Respond to consults from attending physicians for inpatients; follow patients requiring continued intervention
Outpatient Therapy	Individual therapy • Group Therapy
Multidisciplinary Clinics	Neuro-Oncology
Teaching	Train medical residents in early development, assessment, and intervention; teach neurology fellows on neurocognitive sequelae of seizure disorders and interpretation of NP assessments

EXAMPLE — ROTATION A (6 MONTHS)

Pediatric Health Clinic Rotation Schedule

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	8:30am-12:30pm- Rare Chromosome Clinic 1-3pm- CL 3-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	8am-9am: Protected Professional Development 9am-12pm: CL 1-6pm: Late Effects Clinic	8-12pm: Diabetes Clinic 1-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient	8am-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/ Admin. Time/ CL
Week 2	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1:00pm- Assessment Seminar 2-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	8:30am-12:30pm- Peds/Health Clinic 1-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient Therapy/Admin. Time	8am-12pm: Neurogenetics Clinic 1-3pm: CL 3-6pm: Outpatient Therapy	8am-12pm: CL 1-6pm: IBD Clinic	8am-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/ Admin. Time/ CL
Week 3	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	8am-5pm: Diabetes Clinic	8am-12pm: Neurogenetics Clinic 1-6pm: Outpatient Therapy	8am-12pm: CL 1-6pm: Outpatient Therapy	8am-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/ Admin. Time/ CL
Week 4	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1:00pm- Assessment Seminar 2-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	8am-2pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin. Time /CL 3-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin. Time	8am-12pm: Neurogenetics Clinic 1-6pm: Outpatient Therapy	8am-6pm: CL/ Outpatient Therapy/Admin	8am-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/ Admin. Time/ CL

Pediatric Health Intern: Testing Rotation

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	9-10am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-2pm: Testing/Shadowing/Co-leading Assessment 2-3pm: Writing Notes 3-6pm: Outpatient/Admin	9am-12pm: CL 12-6pm: Outpatient/Admin	9-10am: Writing Reports 10-11am: Testing Supervision 1-3pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient/Admin	Outpatient Therapy/Admin Time
Week 2	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1:00pm- Assessment Seminar 2-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	9-10am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-2pm: Testing/Shadowing/Co-leading Assessment 2-3pm: Writing Notes 3-6pm: Outpatient/Admin	9am-11am: Report Writing 12-6pm: CL/Outpatient/Admin	9-10am: Writing Reports 10-11am: Testing Supervision 1-3pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient/Admin	Outpatient Therapy/Admin Time
Week 3	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	9-10am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-2pm: Testing/Shadowing/Co-leading Assessment 2-3pm: Writing Notes 3-6pm: Outpatient/Admin	9am-11am: Report Writing 12-6pm: CL/Outpatient/Admin	9-10am: Writing Reports 10-11am: Testing Supervision 1-3pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient/Admin	Outpatient Therapy/Admin Time
Week 4	9:00am- Individual Supervision 10:00am- Hem/Onc Supervision 11:00am- CL Group Supervision 12:00am- Seminar 1:00pm- Assessment Seminar 2-6pm- Outpatient Therapy	9-10am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-2pm: Testing/Shadowing/Co-leading Assessment 2-3pm: Writing Notes 3-6pm: Outpatient/Admin	9am-11am: Report Writing 12-6pm: CL/Outpatient/Admin	9-10am: Writing Reports 10-11am: Testing Supervision 1-3pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: CL/Virtual Outpatient/Admin	Outpatient Therapy/Admin Time

Sample Monthly Clinic Schedule

The Psychology Department participates in 14 multidisciplinary clinics held once or twice monthly at the main campus, where an interdisciplinary team evaluates patients referred by the respective medical specialty. Below are the multidisciplinary clinics that interns participate in.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1		AM: Rare Chromosome Disorders Clinic <i>Dr. Sara Rivero-Conil</i>	PM: Late Effects Clinic <i>Dr. Sara Rivero-Conil</i>	AM: Diabetes Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>	
Week 2		AM: Pediatric Health Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>	AM: Neuro-Genetics Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i> PM: Neuro-Oncology Clinic <i>Dr. Villani-Capo</i>	PM: Inflammatory Bowel Disease Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>	
Week 3	PM: Headache Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>	All Day: Diabetes Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>	AM: Neuro-Genetics Clinic <i>Dr. Rose Alvarez-Salvat</i>		
Week 4			AM: Neuro-Genetics Clinic <i>Dr. Gabrielle del Rey</i>		

EXAMPLE — INPATIENT TESTING ROTATION

NP Intern A: Schedule with Dr. Mahfood

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9am: Protected Professional Development 10am: CL./Outpatient 11am- CL Group Supervision 12pm- Seminar 1-5pm- Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-3pm: Intake & Testing at SoMi or on 5T 3-5pm: Write notes and score	9am-12pm: Wrap Up Testing or Writing Day 1-5pm: Write notes, score, and create documents for Thursday supervision/epi conference (outpatient therapy availability 4-6pm)	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-12pm: Writing Notes/Reports 1-2:30pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: CL/Outpatient 10-11am: Individual Supervision 11am-12pm: CL/Outpatient 1-5pm: CL/Outpatient
Week 2	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-3pm: Intake & Testing at SoMi or on 5T 3-5pm: Write notes and score	9am-12pm: Wrap Up Testing or Writing Day 1-5pm: Write notes, score, and create documents for Thursday supervision/epi conference (outpatient therapy availability 4-6pm)	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-12pm: Board Prep Seminar 1-2:30pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: CL/Outpatient 10-11am: Individual Supervision 11am-12pm: CL/Outpatient 1-5pm: CL/Outpatient
Week 3	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-3pm: Intake & Testing at SoMi or on 5T 3-5pm: Write notes and score	9am-12pm: Wrap Up Testing or Writing Day 1-5pm: Write notes, score, and create documents for Thursday supervision/epi conference (outpatient therapy availability 4-6pm)	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-12pm: Writing Notes/Reports 1-2:30pm: Epilepsy Conference 3-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: CL/Outpatient 10-11am: Individual Supervision 11am-12pm: CL/Outpatient 1-5pm: CL/Outpatient
Week 4	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9am: Meet to discuss patients for week/plan 10am-3pm: Intake & Testing at SoMi or on 5T 3-5pm: Write notes and score	9am-12pm: Wrap Up Testing or Writing Day 1-5pm: Write notes, score, and create documents for Thursday supervision/epi conference (outpatient therapy availability 4-6pm)	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-12pm: Writing Notes/Reports 1-2:30pm: Epilepsy Conference 3:30-4:30pm: Fellowship/Professional Development Seminar 4:30-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: CL/Outpatient 10-11am: Individual Supervision 11am-12pm: CL/Outpatient 1-5pm: CL/Outpatient

EXAMPLE — OUTPATIENT TESTING ROTATION

NP Intern B: Schedule with Dr. Ball

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9:30 am-3: 30pm: Intake and Testing 5 pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9:30-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-12pm: Feedback Sots 12pm-2:30pm: Writing Notes/Reports 2:30pm-4:00pm: Individual Supervision NP 4-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 2	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9:30 am-3: 30pm: Intake and Testing 5 pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-1 pm: Scoring and Writing all day 1-3pm: Neuro-Oncology Clinic 3-5pm: Clinic Notes and Writing	9:30-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-12pm: Feedback Slots 12pm-2:30pm: Writing Notes/Reports 2:30pm-4:00pm: Individual Supervision NP 4-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 3	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9:30 am-3: 30pm: Intake and Testing 5 pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9:30-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-12pm: Feedback Slots 12pm-2:30pm: Writing Notes/Reports 2:30pm-4:00pm: Individual Supervision NP 4-6pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 4	9-10am: Protected Professional Development 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	9:30 am-3: 30pm: Intake and Testing 5 pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9:30-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-12pm: Feedback Slots 12pm-2:30pm: Writing Notes/Reports 2:30pm-3:30pm: Individual Supervision NP 3:30-4:30pm: Fellowship/Professional Development Seminar	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin

EXAMPLE — OUTPATIENT TESTING ROTATION

NP Intern B: Schedule with Dr. Zubillaga

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	8:30am-3pm: Intake and Testing 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-3pm: Writing Notes/Reports 3-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 2	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	8:30am-3pm: Intake and Testing 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-1 pm: Scoring and Writing all day 1-3pm: Neuro-Oncology Clinic 3-5pm: Clinic Notes and Writing	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-3pm: Writing Notes/Reports 3-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 3	9-10am: CL and Outpatient 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	8:30am-3pm: Intake and Testing 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-3pm: Writing Notes/Reports 3-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/CL availability	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin
Week 4	9-10am: Protected Professional Development 11am: CL Group Supervision 12pm: Seminar 1-5pm: Outpatient Therapy/Admin/CL	8:30am-3pm: Intake and Testing 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9am-3pm: Scoring and Writing. Will test on a Wednesday if had no show. 3-5pm: Outpatient therapy availability	9-10am: Individual Supervision NP 10-11am: Feedback 11am-3pm: Writing Notes/Reports 3:30-4:30 Fellowship/Professional Development Seminar	9-10am: Outpatient Individual Supervision 10-12pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin 1-5pm: Outpatient/CL/Admin

Neuropsychology Fellowship Application/Professional Development Seminar

As part of the Neuropsychology Track, interns participate in a year-long professional development seminar designed to support their transition to postdoctoral training and early career development in clinical neuropsychology. Led by Dr. Kayleen Ball and held monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., the seminar offers focused guidance on fellowship applications and interview preparation during the first half of the year.

After the APPCN Match, sessions shift to broader professional development topics, including licensure and ABPP-CN processes such as early entry and fact-finding. Dr. Mahfood and Dr. Zubillaga contribute to selected sessions, offering additional mentorship in areas including interview preparation and fact-finding.

Sample Seminar Schedule

	Topic
July	Introduction to fellowships in neuropsychology Formal (APPCN) vs. informal Match vs. non-match Abstract Submissions/upcoming deadlines
August	Site Selection/Goodness of fit/post-fellowship goals
September	Reviewing sample CV's and cover letters
October	Review case for interview case presentation
November	Interview Prep/Interview Panel
December	Interview Prep; Submit applications
January	Ranking
March	Licensure/EPPP/Early Board Registration
April	Fact Finding w/ Supervisors
May	Fact Finding w/ Supervisors

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Didactic Seminars Sample

Interns participate in a weekly didactic seminar every Monday, 12:00–1:00 pm, South Miami Conference Room — led by Department faculty, interdisciplinary professionals, and guest speakers.

Rose Alvarez-Salvat, Ph.D.

Behavioral Consultations on Medical Floors; Diabetes/Endocrinology Consults; Abuse Reporting & Suicide Assessment

Sean Horan, D.O.

Foundations of Psychopharmacology I & II

Kayleen Ball, Psy.D.

Culturally Competent Assessments with Hispanic/Latine Families; Pediatric Leukemia & Brain Tumors

Amanda Alvarez, Psy.D.

DBT with Adolescents

David Coe, Ph.D.

Autism — Assessments & Therapy

Sara Rivero-Conil, Psy.D.

Oncology Consults; Death & Dying Consults; Bone Marrow Transplant Assessments

Marina Villani-Capo, Psy.D.

Pain Management

Jackie Mahfood, Ph.D.

Seizure Disorders & Epilepsy; Neurodevelopment & Substance Use

Brandon Korman, Ph.D., Psy.D.

Genetic Disorders & Neuropsychology

Julia Zubillaga, Psy.D.

Traumatic & Acquired Brain Injuries

Additional topics span consultation with GI, NICU/CICU, and eating disorder services; risk management; Florida licensure/board certification; interdisciplinary team roles (Child Life, Music/Occupational/Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology); and adult neuropsychological outcomes of childhood conditions.

Supervision Model

Supervision is guided by a developmental model, recognizing interns progress through increasing autonomy and professional competence over the training year. Supervisors provide individualized support, feedback, and mentorship promoting self-reflection, clinical reasoning, ethical decision-making, and integration of science into practice.

1-2 hrs

Individual Supervision

With primary outpatient supervisor, weekly
For NP and PH interns, 1 hr testing supervision as well

1 hr

Hem/Onc Group Supervision (for Pediatric Health intern)

Case discussion & interdisciplinary problem-solving

1 hr

C-L Group Supervision (for all interns)

Consultation-Liaison case review, weekly

Beyond the Scheduled Minimum

In addition to the three scheduled hours above, interns receive ongoing informal supervision and consultation throughout the week from licensed psychologists and postdoctoral fellows as clinical needs arise — ensuring consistent support and progressive skill development across all training areas.

Collaboration with Medical Residents

Resident Rotations

All third-year medical residents rotate through the Department of Psychology in two-week blocks throughout the year, working alongside interns and supervisors to gain exposure to developmental and psychological assessment, consultation-liaison practices, and multidisciplinary clinic operations.

Formal Presentations

Interns deliver three formal presentations to medical residents each year on topics related to pediatric health — helping residents understand early development, psychological/behavioral assessment, and when to involve psychology in patient care.

This ongoing collaboration strengthens the intern's own clinical and teaching skills, while reinforcing the collaborative relationship between psychology and medicine that defines the hospital's integrated care model.

MEET OUR TEAM

Training Supervisors — Nicklaus Children's Pediatric Specialists

**Marisa Azaret,
Psy.D.**



Director, Dept. of Psychology

Professional Development, Resident Training,
Media

**Rose Alvarez-Salvat,
Ph.D., ABPP**



Training Director / Clinical Supervisor

Consultation-Liaison, Assessments, Clinics

**Sara Rivero-Conil,
Psy.D., ABPP**



Associate Director / Clinical Supervisor

BMT Assessment, CL: Hem/Onc & BMT,
Outpatient Tx, Clinics

**Saneya Tawfik,
Ph.D., ABPP**



Director of Assessment / Clinical Supervisor

CASA Program — Child & Adolescent
Specialized Assessments

**Marina Villani Capo,
Psy.D.**



Clinical Supervisor

Outpatient Therapy, CL: Hem/Onc & BMT,
PICU, Clinics

**Amanda Alvarez,
Psy.D.**



Clinical Supervisor

Outpatient Therapy

**Gabrielle del Rey,
Ph.D.**



Clinical Supervisor

Assessment, Outpatient Therapy, Group
Therapy, Clinics

Neuropsychological Assessment Supervisors

Jacqueline Mahfood,
Ph.D.



Clinical Supervisor

Pre- & Post-surgical Epilepsy Rotation

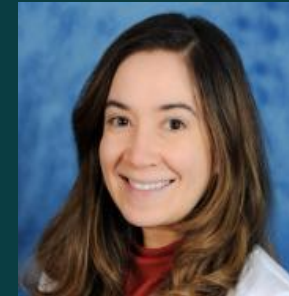
Kayleen Ball,
Psy.D.



Clinical Supervisor

Neuro-oncology, Bilingual Pre- & Post-surgical
Epilepsy

Julia Zubillaga,
Psy.D.



Clinical Supervisor

Generalist Rotation: Congenital Heart Disease,
Traumatic & Acquired Brain Injuries,
Hematology/Oncology, Nonsurgical Epilepsy

Together, this team of licensed pediatric psychologists and board-eligible neuropsychologists provide layered, developmentally-sequenced supervision across every rotation in the internship year.

OUTCOMES

Postdoctoral Fellowships Obtained After Internship

Mayo Clinic	2026	Texas Children's Hospital	2026
NYU Langone Rusk Rehabilitation Hospital	2026	Nemours/ Orlando	2026
Nicklaus Children's Hospital	2012, 2015, 2017–2020, 2023–2025	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	2019
Dell Children's Hospital	2012, 2021, 2022, 2025	Cincinnati Children's Hospital	2019
Children's Hospital of Colorado	2025	Kennedy Krieger Institute	2017
University of New Mexico	2025	Doernbecher Children's Hospital (OHSU)	2017
Johns Hopkins Hospital	2023	Greenville Children's Hospital	2016
Brown University	2023	Dana Farber Cancer Institute	2015
Massachusetts General Hospital	2022	Phoenix Children's Hospital	2014, 2015
Children's National Medical Center	2016, 2021–2023	Primary Children's Hospital	2015
Nemours / A.I. duPont Hospital	2019, 2021	Children's Hospital Los Angeles	2019
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta / Emory	2009, 2011, 2021	Cincinnati Children's Hospital	2019
Child Mind Institute	2016, 2018	Jackson Memorial Hospital	2018
Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital	2018		

PROGRAM DETAILS

Positions, Stipend & Benefits

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Internship positions available annually,
contingent on funding

\$47,008

Annual stipend for the 12-month internship

12

Months of hospital-funded health insurance,
paid vacation & sick leave

Conference & Seminar Access

Attendance at hospital-sponsored conferences and seminars is available to interns at no charge.

Postdoctoral Opportunities

Post-doctoral fellowship positions are funded through grants and/or other funding sources, available on a yearly basis.