A New Program with Fellow-Directed Learning Opportunities

The Central Michigan University (CMU) College of Medicine’s Psychiatry Residency program was created to develop and educate psychiatric physicians to deliver high-quality care to underserved areas and the surrounding region. The program is expanding significantly because of its success and the considerable needs of local communities and individuals. Many recent graduates decide to stay and practice in the region for life, lifestyle, and professional reasons.

CMU’s Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship program is new for 2019. The program is designed to bring the College’s focused curriculum together with the specific interests of each applicant to tailor a unique learning and clinical experience based on the Fellow’s input, direction, and professional development goals.

The curriculum is remarkable for its academic excellence, diversity of clinical settings, and hands-on approach.

Fellows benefit from working with leading faculty in general and specialized psychiatry with extensive experience in the effective treatment of child, adolescent, and family issues. This includes a distinct focus on emerging practices in trauma-informed care and addressing diverse childhood experiences.

Rigorous Training and Extensive Clinical Care Opportunities

The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship is a two-year, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-approved fellowship program with three positions per training year. The program provides rigorous training and extensive clinical opportunities in the treatment of a variety of psychiatric illnesses. Candidates can feel confident that this advanced training will allow them to manage future clinical challenges because of the guidance of our program’s leading faculty and program supervisors.
Achieving Clinical Mastery

Additional clinical mastery within the discipline is achieved as a result of broad and meaningful clinical experiences in serving the unique populations who seek treatment and support in our psychiatry clinics. Significant leadership and community collaboration opportunities are built into our unique fellowship. Residents and Fellows engage with health care and area leaders on community-based innovation and programs.

Diverse Clinical Settings

CMU Fellows practice in local adolescent inpatient psychiatric units, acute care hospital rotation settings, and a variety of specialized clinical settings. Participants are exposed to local family courts, urban populations, rural populations, and patients from a variety of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds from across mid- and northern Michigan. Fellowship clinical locations serve patients from a broad geographic region and include:

- CMU Health and affiliate clinical locations
- Large child and adolescent inpatient units
- Acute care hospital consult and liaison
- Autism diagnostic center
- Community Mental Health
- Trauma assessment center
- Addiction clinics
- Neurodevelopmental, sleep, and pediatric
- Integration with inner-city school clinics

Caring and Committed Clinical Partners

The College’s unique program and approach embraces a decentralized and distributed model which places Fellows in a variety of hospital inpatient, specialty clinic, and community mental health facilities. Our partners include:

- Covenant HealthCare
- Ascension St. Mary’s Hospital
- HealthSource Saginaw
- Saginaw Community Mental Health Authority
- Great Lakes Bay Health Centers

SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT

Fellows are encouraged and supported in publication efforts. Fellows have the additional opportunity to pursue clinical, research, and study opportunities on a variety of clinical and public mental health topics based on their own interests.

We accommodate travel and time away for service in fellowships sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), American Psychological Association (APA), American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), and American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT).