

Student Information:

Practicum Description:

Testing:

Students will have the opportunity to obtain a wide variety of cases for testing. The patient's age range for testing is from 5 years to 80 years old. The testing question could be to assess a 65-year-old patient for Frontal Temporal dementia vs. Alzheimer's or you may have an 8-year-old child that you are determining if they are Bipolar or ADHD. Besides having a variety of various test cases the actual instruments to assess patients also provides you with a unique opportunity. We do not use a template battery, rather with each new patient we design a battery to best assess the patient and answer the referral question. As a student you will have the opportunity to be exposed to a wide variety of tests (all tests are on site) and by the end of practicum you will have learned how to create your own battery. The diverse patients assigned and the opportunity to be exposed to and utilize many tests is what students rave about each year. Finally students will participate in the administration of QEEG's (brain maps) which assess impairment in brainwave activity.

Therapy:

Students will have the opportunity to learn EEG Neurofeedback which address' neurophysiological impairment in the brain. We believe that the patient's functional issues must also be addressed in order to change dysfunctional patterns or areas that may be otherwise ignored. Hence, in addition to the neurofeedback therapy, psychotherapy is also an essential component to the program which consists of individual and family therapy to address issues related to the family system and pivotal to the child's recovery. Individual therapy often focuses on improving coping skills, social skills enhancement, play therapy, etc., based upon the child's needs. School observations, attendance at IEP meetings to advocate for your patients, and communication with the children's teachers are provided to all patients. Dietary needs are also addressed and close communication with all treatment providers on the child's case is expected. Finally, spiritual and religious assessment is also conducted, always based on the family's desires.

Additional Training Opportunities:

*Students are sent for monthly training on the second Friday of every month at Edwards hospital at the clinics expense.

*Students also have the opportunity to interface with other practitioners by giving educational presentations 1-4'x per month.

