



Levine Children's Hospital Music Therapy University-Affiliated Internship Overview

Facility Information:

Levine Children's Hospital (LCH), located in Charlotte, North Carolina, provides medical care for children from birth through young adulthood. LCH leads the region in offering more than 30 specialized pediatric services including kidney, liver and heart transplants; blood and marrow transplant, cardiac and cancer care; neurosurgery; rehabilitation service; and the highest designated level of neonatal intensive care. LCH's mission is to ensure excellent children's healthcare by building partnerships between caregivers and families. Our guiding principles of Quality of Care, Respect for Families, Partnership and Family Education are at the center of every decision we make.

Opened in 2007, our new 234-bed children's hospital combines the medical expertise the community already relies on with a spectacular new state-of-the-art facility designed to care for the physical and emotional needs of children and their families. LCH is part of Atrium Health, the largest healthcare system in North and South Carolina, and the third largest public healthcare system in the nation. It is located on the campus of Carolinas Medical Center, the Carolina's flagship facility of Atrium Health.

Training Information:

At Levine Children's Hospital, there will be opportunities to observe, co-lead, and lead music therapy sessions. Services are primarily individual bedside sessions, with 1-2 group sessions per week. Interns will be able to treat patients on pediatric/cardiovascular and neonatal intensive care units, pediatric and neonatal progressive care units, medical/surgical units, outpatient infusion and dialysis units, as well as the pediatric rehabilitation unit and hematology/ oncology unit. Co-treatment opportunities with other disciplines such as PT, OT, ST, Child Life, and Pastoral Care occur regularly. Interns will have the opportunity to provide procedural support to patients during a variety of medical procedures and interventions. Interns will gain exposure to and experience in pediatric end of life care and legacy building interventions. Desired skills in the intern include proficiency in guitar, piano, and voice; strong work ethic; highly motivated personality; excellent communication skills, both written and oral; and experience working with children. Internship application and requirements can be obtained by contacting the Music Therapy Internship Director.

Available to start: January, April, July, October

Housing: not provided

Meals: not provided, cafeteria/restaurants/vending on campus

Age Ranges: Infants/Children, Pre-teens, Teens, (occasionally) Young Adults

Populations: Cancer, Disorders of Consciousness, Developmental Disabilities, Medical/Surgical, Rehabilitation, Palliative Care, End of Life, Multi-Trauma, Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Cardiac/Renal/Neuro/Nephrology, Organ and Bone Marrow Transplants, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Settings: Children's Hospital or Unit

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