

MUSIC THERAPY UNIVERSITY-AFFILIATED INTERNSHIP Program Overview

Facility Information:

Atrium Health Levine Children's, located in Charlotte, North Carolina, provides medical care for children from birth through young adulthood. As a regional leader Levine Children's offers more than 30 specialized pediatric services recognized by the US News and World Report including organ transplant; blood and marrow transplant, cardiac and cancer care; neurosurgery; acute rehabilitation; and the highest designated level of neonatal intensive care; striving to ensure excellent pediatric healthcare by building partnerships with caregivers and families. The Atrium Health mission, to improve health, elevate hope, and advance healing for all, is at the center of every decision made.

Open since 2007, this 234-bed children's hospital combines the medical expertise already relied on by the community with a spectacular state-of-the-art facility designed to care for the holistic needs of children and their families. Levine Children's is part of Atrium Health, one of the largest healthcare systems in North and South Carolina and ranks as one of the largest non-profit healthcare systems 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, 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, as well as the pediatric behavioral health observation unit. *Please note opportunities for pediatric hematology and oncology will be limited to observation only due to current coverage model*

Co-treatment opportunities with other disciplines such as physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and child life occur regularly. Pending available diagnoses during rotation interns may have evidence-based learning opportunities with the following interventions:

- Procedural support for a variety of medical needs.
- End of life care and legacy building, including ThinkLabs One Digital Stethoscope heartbeat recordings.
- Pacifier Activated Lullaby[®] for neonatal abstinence syndrome protocol.

Desired entry level skills include proficiency in guitar, piano, and voice; strong work ethic; highly motivated personality; excellent communication skills, both written and oral; established self-care awareness and routine(s); and experience working with children, adolescents, and/or young adults (can be related or not related to music therapy training).

Available to start:	January, May, September
*Rotation Length:	Approximately seven months duration (due to supervisors' 36-hour schedule 1 st half of rotation)
Housing:	not provided
Meals:	not provided, cafeteria/restaurants/vending on campus
Age Ranges:	Infants (pre and full term), Children, Pre-teens, Teens, Young Adults
Diagnoses:	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, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Behavioral Health related to
	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
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