ARE YOU CONSIDERING SPECIALIZING IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY?

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry offers an integrated child and adolescent psychiatry track. This is a five-year program which features three years of general psychiatry followed by two years of fellowship training in child and adolescent psychiatry.

The first three years of this track allow up to two months of primary care training in pediatrics and at least one month of child neurology. This early focus on pediatrics leads to an early focus on development and family. Opportunities to treat transition age youth and adolescents begin as early as the second year of residency.

Upon completion of the program, residents are prepared to provide competent evaluations and appropriate treatment to children, adolescents, and adults with psychiatric disorders and their families. Residents have the chance to work together with other general psychiatry interns, triple board, and pediatric interns.
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Part of our mission is to train quality psychiatrists to help fill the clinical need in our region. Therefore, we consider ties to the region as part of our screening process but do value maintaining a diverse group of residents. In addition, here are some key elements we look for in an applicant:

- A well-written personal statement that clearly describes how various professional and personal experiences led you to decide upon child and adolescent psychiatry as a specialty.
- Three letters of recommendation that clearly describe the author’s familiarity with you and your interest in psychiatry, which should be included in the application. At least one letter must be from a psychiatrist, ideally in an ACGME-accredited residency program on residency program letterhead.
- The applicant should have completed at least two rotations in psychiatry during medical school in a variety of clinical settings.
- The applicant should demonstrate humanitarian, volunteer, or advocacy work and experience in mental health-related areas over the course of educational training.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have passed USMLE or COMLEX Step 1, and Step 2 CS and CK on the first attempt. A passing score is required for either USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX Level 1 for application. A passing score for USMLE Step 2 CK and 2 CS or COMLEX Level 2 CE and 2 PE must be submitted prior to the rank list submission deadline, or the applicant will not be ranked by the program.
- Preference also is given to applicants who have graduated medical school within two years of the application date.

INTERVIEW DAY

We will have multiple interview dates from late October through late January, with exact dates determined closer to interviewing season. Six candidates are interviewed each day. Please dress professionally and remember that the entire time you’re with us – from dinner with residents the evening before until the afternoon of interview day – we are reviewing your potential as a future resident. Also, ensure that all communications with us following the interview are professional with timely responses.

Interview day itinerary includes:

- Dinner with current residents and fellows the evening before the interview day
- Introductions with the program director
- Four to five one-on-one interviews with faculty
- Video tour of other sites
- A tour of UK’s outpatient clinic
- Lunch with residents and fellows
- A tour of Albert B. Chandler Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital inpatient units

HOW TO APPLY

We participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), and all applications are processed through the electronic residency application (ERAS) program. Please follow the ERAS application directions. Applicants can apply to both the categorical psychiatry residency and the integrated child and adolescent track through ERAS but must apply to each program separately to be considered for both programs. The two programs have different NRMP numbers and can be ranked separately.

Applicants who are international medical graduates are required to have current Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates certification. We sponsor J-1 visas only.

Application deadline: Dec. 1

*We review applications from mid-September through January of the following year. Most applicants are contacted for interviews before January.

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