

Observerships in Psychiatry for U.S. Clinical Experience



BronxCare Health System Psychiatry Observership Programs

- Location: Bronx, New York
- Overview: The Observership Program offers an orientation to the BronxCare Health System with a clinical focus, including in research and education, in several areas: Adult Inpatient, Addiction Psychiatry, Consultation Liaison (Psychosomatic Medicine), Child & Adolescent Inpatient, Primary Care.
- Duration: Minimum eight weeks, maximum 12 weeks; minimum three days per week, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Cost: Accepted applicant pays
- Contact Information: Noemi Edwards; nedwards@bronxcare.org
- Learn More: <https://www.psych.bronxcare.us/residency-medication-education/observership/>

Brookdale Psychiatry Externship Training

- Location: Brooklyn, New York
- Overview: Externs will obtain experience in several core clinical areas: Adult Inpatient, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, Geriatric, Consult & Liaison Service. Externs will attend core lectures, grand rounds, journal clubs and case conferences.
- Duration: 12 months minimum (full-time)
- Cost: Free (U.S. citizenship or green card required)
- Contact Information: Joseph Milius, Program Administrator; psychiatryexternship@bhmcny.org
- Learn More: <https://www.uslegalforms.com/form-library/117010-brookdale-hospital-psychiatry-externship-training-application-form-2020>

Columbia University Department of Psychiatry

- Location: Manhattan, New York
- Overview: Clinical observership (shadowing) positions provide the opportunity for international medical students or graduates of training programs in medical specialties to experience the U.S. psychiatric medical system. The application process can take up to three months, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Due to the program's popularity, applying six to eight months in advance is recommended.
- Duration: Four weeks, each fall; beginning on Mondays, the observer spends one week each on four clinical services (usually an inpatient unit, an outpatient unit, the psychiatric emergency room and a psychiatry specialty service)
- Cost: Accepted applicant pays
- Contact Information:
 - Margaret Hamilton, M.D., mis3@cumc.columbia.edu
 - Karen Cruz; karen.cruz@nyspi.columbia.edu; phone: 646-774-7505; fax: 646-774-6398
- Learn More: <https://rfmhhelp.nyspi.org/educationportal>

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Geriatric Psychiatry-Outpatient Clinic Observership

- Location: Manhattan, New York
- Overview: Opportunity to rotate under the direct supervision of Dr. Barry Reisberg, geriatric psychiatrist and professor emeritus at New York University.
- Duration: Weekdays from 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.; weekends from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (flexible hours, but must complete at least 10 patient visits)
- Cost: Free
- Contact Information: Barry Reisberg; barry.reisberg@nyulangone.org

Griffin Memorial Hospital

- Location: Norman, Oklahoma
- Overview: The program familiarizes IMG applicants with the U.S. mental health system. February-October: Rotation available for seven adult inpatient and outpatient sites. November-January: For second-look observers only, by invitation (based on an evaluation of participants' initial rotation with the program; only two spots available. A formal application should be submitted to the program coordinator 10 weeks in advance of the requested date. Standardized applications, such as an ERAS (preferred) or the common application, are acceptable. Offers will be made after applicants have been determined to meet the eligibility criteria and following at least two virtual interviews.
- Duration: One month
- Cost: Accepted applicant pays
- Learn More: <https://oklahoma.gov/odmhsas/trainings/griffin-memorial-psychiatry-residency-program/education.html>

Larkin Sub-internship Program

- Location: Miami, Florida
- Overview: Larkin's postgraduate sub-internship program is for IMGs.
- Duration: Unknown
- Cost: Unknown
- Contact Information: <https://www.graduatemedicaleducation.org/postgraduate-sub-internship-program/contact-us/>
- Learn More: <https://www.graduatemedicaleducation.org/postgraduate-sub-internship-program/requirements/>

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MetroHealth Psychiatry Observership Program

- Location: Cleveland, Ohio
- Overview: This observership, sponsored by the Case Western MetroHealth Psychiatry Residency Program, enables participants to shadow outpatient adult and child cases.
- Duration: Four weeks
- Cost: Free
- Contact Information:
 - Adilen Nieves, Psychiatry Residency Coordinator; anieves@metrohealth.org
 - R. Mehta, M.D., Assistant Program Director; rmehta1@metrohealth.org
- Learn More: <https://www.uslegalforms.com/form-library/432240-the-metrohealth-system-observership-without-patient-care-metrohealth>

Maimonides Health

- Location: Brooklyn, New York
- Overview: Accepted candidates to this observership at Maimonides Psychiatry Residency must complete a medical clearance with U.S. lab tests. A preliminary in-person interview and orientation will take place with the volunteer department after a candidate has been accepted. One observer accepted per month, so plan to apply early.
- Duration: Four-week rotation
- Cost: Unknown
- Contact Information:
 - Anetta Raysin, D.O., Program Director; araysin@maimonidesmed.org
 - Apiyo Osanya, Residency Coordinator; psychresidency@maimonidesmed.org

Observership in Neuropsychiatry

- Location: Chicago, Illinois
- Overview: This observership is affiliated with Rush Copley Medical Center.
- Duration: Four to eight weeks in psychiatry, neurology and research
- Cost: Unknown
- Contact Information: Alan Hirsch, M.D.; dr.hirsch@sbcglobal.net

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Saint Elizabeths Hospital Psychiatry Training Program

- Location: Washington, D.C.
- Overview: Saint Elizabeths Hospital accepts candidates into psychiatry and neurology externship programs to gain clinical experience and training on a volunteer basis. The hospital provides liability coverage for work performed under the supervision of an attending psychiatrist on an inpatient unit. Externs also participate in clinical interviewing, history gathering, assessments and treatment planning.
- Duration: Four months (April-July, August-November and December-March)
- Cost: Free
- Contact Information: Psychiatry Externship Program, Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, 2nd Floor, Room 238 , 1100 Alabama Ave, SE , Washington, DC 20032.
- Learn More: <https://www.sehpsychiatry.org/psychiatry-externship/>

SUNY Upstate

- Location: Syracuse, New York
- Overview: Observerships are available to qualified candidates.
- Duration: Four weeks
- Cost: Accepted applicant pays
- Contact Information: Lubov Leontieva, M.D.; leontiel@upstate.edu
 - Email to ask questions or to check your application status four weeks post-submission.
- Learn More: <https://www.upstate.edu/psych/education/med-student-ed/clerkship.php>

William J. Harrington Medical Training Programs for Latin America, the Caribbean, and Global Observership

- Location: Virtual
- Overview: This is a virtual observership program for inpatient psychiatry. Applications for the June and November sessions must be received by January 31; selection results will be available on March 15. Applications for the December and May sessions must be received by July 31; selection results will be available on September 15.
- Duration: Four-week virtual clinical rotations
- Cost: Unknown
- Contact Information: IMI-HarringtonTrainingPrograms@miami.edu
- Learn More: <https://med.miami.edu/centers-and-institutes/international-medicine-institute/education-and-training/virtual-observership>