The 2014 Summer Psychiatry Research and Education Practicum (PREP) program is designed to introduce young people to the discipline of research as well as the profession of child and adolescent psychiatry by having them participate in research activities prior to their advancing to graduate school. Starting with the 2012 cohort, the emphasis has been on dynamic research exposures which result in partnering with mentors on the development of scholarly posters, presentations and/or publications.

The goals of the program are to:

1. Provide students from diverse backgrounds who have an interest in the mental health profession with a meaningful clinical and/or translational research experience in the field of psychiatry. We hope that students can learn first-hand about the substance, the spirit, and the methodology of current scientific research in the field and to encourage them in their pursuit of advanced education.

2. Expose practicum students to the clinical programs at Children’s Hospital Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and several psychiatry and neurology basic research labs at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

3. Advance faculty’s clinical and translational research endeavors

Schedule and Expectations:

Summer PREP Students are paired with junior and senior faculty from the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for twenty hours each week to advance the faculty member’s research/scholarly goals. Students will also be exposed to clinical aspects of their faculty mentor’s work. An additional eight hours will be spent attending lectures, interaction groups, research-related trainings, and touring labs on campus. Additionally, during this time you will be expected to develop your own research question that builds upon or contributes uniquely to your mentor’s work. You will be expected to develop and present a scholarly poster that represents the results of your project at a campus-wide student poster session. The total time commitment is 28 hours per week for ten weeks with a 20 hour week orientation May 19th -23rd. Most of the hours are between 8-5 Monday through Friday. Attending all labs tours, lectures, and trainings is mandatory. The Summer Practicum begins May 19th and ends on August 1st. The schedule can be flexible and based on the needs of the researchers and the availability of the student.

Stipend:

This year, we will be accepting 6 Practicum students. Each accepted student will be paid $2,400 for the 11 week practicum. The stipend will be disbursed in two payments, one halfway through the summer (approximately June 23rd) and the remaining amount will be given at the end of the practicum.
Minimum Qualifications:
- 3rd or 4th year undergraduate student. Recent graduates, who have received their degree within the last two years, are also encouraged to apply as this is a great preparatory experience for graduate school.
- Basic computer literacy including knowledge of Word and Excel
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral
- Passion for the field of psychology or psychiatry
- Timeliness and professionalism

Application Process:
Please submit the following application elements by February 7th:

1. Summer Psychiatry Research and Education Practicum Application
2. An unofficial transcript
3. A professional writing sample—something you’ve written that exemplifies your professionalism and level of writing skill. The professional writing sample should be something only you have written (not a group effort) and include a works cited page with at least 5 professional references.

Completed applications, transcripts, and writing samples should be received by Friday, February 7th 2014.

Please mail applications to:
Heather Kennedy
Children’s Hospital Colorado
13123 E 16th Ave B-130
Aurora, CO 80045

You may also scan and e-mail a single, combined .PDF of your application materials by the deadline; however a hardcopy must be received by mail in order for your application to be complete and scored. Please e-mail Heather Kennedy at heather.kennedy@childrenscolorado.org once you’ve put your application in the mail.

Mentor Matching and Decisions Process
All applicants will be scored on a rubric by Department Staff and mentors. Our scoring is based on writing style, ability to demonstrate clear relationship with career goals, and relevant coursework. Please also keep in mind we are searching for both qualified and diverse candidates. We will hold in person and/or phone interviews with a select pool of candidates February 24th – March 6th. All applicants will be notified of their status on or before March 7th. Students will be placed with mentors based on research needs, mentors experience, and students past experience.

Questions:
If you have any questions regarding the Summer Psychiatry Research and Education Practicum, please contact Heather Kennedy at (720) 777-8043 or Laurie Burnside at (720) 777-4655.
**Application Form**

**SECTION 1: APPLICANT IDENTITY INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant: ____________________________  
DOB: _______________  Last 4 of SSN: ___________  
Permanent Address: ________________________________________  
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Are you requesting that your college grant you credit hours for your internship?  
Yes ☐  No ☐  

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Scholastic Honors and/or Licenses: ____________________________  

**SECTION 3: EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (includes paid, volunteer and intern positions)**

Most Recent Employer: ____________________________  Telephone #: ________  
Address: ________________________________________  
______________________________________________________  
Supervisor Name & Title: ____________________________  
Position Title: ____________________________  Start Date: ________  End Date: ________  
Description of Duties: ________________________________________  
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### SECTION 5: DEMOGRAPCS

**Race:** Choose as many as are appropriate  
- [ ] African American  
- [ ] Asian  
- [ ] Caucasian  
- [ ] Native American or Alaskan Native  
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
- [ ] Other: please specify ____________________________  
- [ ] Decline to state

**Ethnicity:**  
- [ ] Hispanic/Latino(a)  
- [ ] Not Hispanic/Latino(a)  
- [ ] Decline to state

As a child did you or your family ever qualify for state or federal assistance such as food stamps, free or reduced lunch, Medicaid, or other forms of monetary support?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Decline to state

Are you the first person in your family to attend college?- meaning your parents/grandparents did not attend college?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Decline to state

Have you lived in a rural city or county in the last two years??  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Decline to state

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*I certify that all of the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false or incomplete answer may be grounds for not considering me or for my dismissal.*

**Signature:** ____________________________  
**Date:** ____________________________
Please write a one page essay about 1) why you are applying to Psychiatry Research Education Practicum at The Children’s Hospital Colorado, 2) what are your career goals and 3) how will this program help you realize these goals. (please type this essay).