



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 families. The mission, to improve health, elevate hope, and advance healing for all, is at the center of every decision made.

The 234-bed facility at Levine Children's hospital combines the medical expertise already relied on by the community with spectacular state-of-the-art facilities designed to care for the holistic needs of children and their caregivers. Levine Children's is part of Atrium Health, one of the largest healthcare systems in the southeast and ranks as one of the largest non-profit healthcare systems in the nation. Levine Children's 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 as available. Interns will be able to treat patients on intensive and progressive care units, medical/surgical units, outpatient infusion, and behavioral health observation.

Opportunities for pediatric hematology and oncology are 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 (<i>due to supervisors' 36-hour schedule 1st half of rotation</i>)
Housing:	Not provided
Meals:	Not provided, cafeteria/restaurants/vending on both campuses
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), Epilepsy Monitoring Unit
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