Clinical Excellence

Childrens Hospital Los Angeles’ Social Work Internship offers second-year MSW students the opportunity to learn the craft of medical social work from highly-skilled, dedicated clinicians. Interns are assigned to a “teaching team” comprised of a field instructor and a preceptor who work together to guide our interns through the challenging world of pediatric medical social work.

Social Work Interns participate in all aspects of social work at Childrens Hospital, following patients and families from diagnosis of a medical condition through discharge, home care and end-of-life interventions. Interns are valued members of the Department of Clinical Social Work and Diversity Services and emerge from their experiences with invaluable skills and an appreciation for the challenges of working as a social worker in health care.

If you’d like more information about the Internship in Medical Social Work, please call us at (323) 361-2485.

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Customize Your Experience

In addition to the assigned year-long practice area, interns are encouraged to experience work in other hospital environments. One popular option is to provide services in Childrens Hospital Los Angeles’ renowned Emergency Department, a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center. Past interns have created parent support groups, authored resource guides and assisted in the formulation of hospital policy.

Previous Practice Areas

- Hematology/Oncology
- Pulmonology/Cystic Fibrosis
- Bone Marrow Transplant
- Newborn and Infant Critical Care Unit (NICCU)
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- Inpatient Medical/Surgical Floors
- Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit
- Outpatient Chronic Illness Services (Craniofacial/Plastics, Gastroenterology, Liver/Intestinal/ Kidney Transplant, Nephrology, Endocrine/Diabetes, Cardiology)

Family-Centered Care Support Services

Our Department of Clinical Social Work and Diversity Services is part of the Division of Family-Centered Care Support Services. Other departments in the Division include Spiritual Care Services, Child Life Services and Care Coordination. The Division takes the lead in ensuring that Childrens Hospital’s patients and families experience an environment of care focused on supporting the entire family unit. We recognize that the family is the constant in the patient’s life and work to empower families to achieve self-sufficiency in the face of enormous challenges.