



Families, Illness, & Collaborative Health Care Doctoral Fellowship

The University of Chicago affiliated Chicago Center for Family Health (CCFH) and Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center offer a one-year full-time fellowship beginning September 1, 2017.

CCFH (www.ccfhchicago.org), founded in 1991 by Co-Directors, John Rolland, M.D. and Froma Walsh, Ph.D., is internationally recognized as one of the foremost family systems-oriented training institutes. CCFH is renowned for its innovative community-based, resilience-oriented practice model to strengthen families at risk, in crisis, or facing persistent life challenges. It provides state-of-the-art post-graduate training in family therapy and family systems-based health care in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team of specialists. The Fellowship is in its twentieth year.

The primary clinical placement is with Illinois Masonic Medical Center Family Practice, which has a longstanding reputation of supporting family and psychosocial aspects of health care within a collaborative framework. Incoming Fellows will be involved in implementation of a new Primary Care Psychosocial/Counseling Track for family practice residents at Illinois Masonic. Other partnering institutions for secondary placement are based on current and planned projects. These have included: University of Chicago Kovler Diabetes Center and Division of Integrative Medicine, Comprehensive Cancer Centers and risk-screening programs, the MS Society of Illinois, and Gilda's Club Chicago.

The Fellowship experience focuses both on collaborative care/integrative practice and work with families with a member who has a chronic or life-threatening illness or disability using family, couples, group/multi-family group and individual modalities. CCFH provides seminars, workshops, and individual and group supervision. Responsibilities include participation in multidisciplinary teaching conferences, teaching residents and medical students about the integration of family systems approaches in a variety of health care settings, and collaboration with healthcare providers. Fellows rotate through specialty services including newborn, memory disorders, and in-patient care, and may develop or join an ongoing clinical research project related to families and health care.

Appropriate candidates include both post-doctoral mental health professionals and Ph.D. candidates enrolled in doctoral programs in medical family therapy who seek to satisfy their internship requirement. Applicants should have a strong career development interest in the integration of family systems approaches in health care.

Salaries and benefits are competitive with other fellowships nationally. Inquiries can be made by phone or e-mail (see below). Application materials should be received by February 14, 2017. To apply, please send your Curriculum Vitae, three letters of reference, academic transcript, GRE scores, and a cover letter, explaining your interest in the fellowship to: ccfh.admin@ccfhchicago.org.

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