

Penn State Hershey Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship

The Penn State Hershey offers an ACGME accredited 3 year Child Abuse Pediatrics fellowship with acceptance of the first fellow in July 2017. The program is based at Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Children's Hospital and serving a population of 3 million with the only level 1 pediatric trauma center in Central PA. The Children's hospital has a full range of pediatric specialties and 8 additional subspecialty fellowships, with a robust pediatric inpatient consultation service that includes the entire range of child abuse evaluation cases. Penn State's Transforming the Lives of Children Clinic (TLC) offers a medical home for children in out of home placement, and a clinic dedicated to evidence based treatment of children traumatized by abuse or neglect, have sexual behavior problems or whose parents need parenting skills. Penn State Hershey provides medical oversight for the region's NCA accredited Child Advocacy Center, the PinnacleHealth Children's Resource Center. The CRC provides forensic assessment for sexual abuse and some physical abuse for a 7 county region and has a annual volume of 1200 referrals/year and 800 medical assessments. Many opportunities exist for community education and involvement, participation on Multidisciplinary, Child Fatality, and Medical Legal teams. Close collaboration with the Dauphin County Coroner's office provides an opportunity to participate in death scene, autopsy and fatality review. The Division of Child Abuse Pediatrics is recognized as both the clinical and research hub for child maltreatment for Penn State and the Center for the Protection Children at Penn State Hershey is one of the four foundational centers for Penn State's Network on Child Protection and well -being that includes Penn State Dickinson School of Law (Carlisle), the Bennet Pierce Prevention Center and the Child Study Center (State College). A robust cross campus research initiative supports a range of clinical and basic science research opportunities. The fellow will have an opportunity to obtain an MPH through Penn State's College of Public Health Sciences, located on the Hershey Campus.

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