

# Internships Available

Internship placements made following interview but could include assisting the following programs:

## **Constraint Induced Movement (CIMT) Programs:**

Ability KC offers multiple programs of CIMT for a variety of age groups, both for children and adults. This evidence-based program is designed to encourage individuals with hemiparesis to improve both the quality of movement and amount of use of the affected arm and hand in daily activities.

## **Beyond Transitions Program:**

Ability KC's Beyond Transitions program supports children with disabilities in the transition to high school and adulthood. This program creates opportunities to gain experience, independence, and confidence related to development of critical life skills such as cooking, laundry, social skills, self-advocacy, work skills and more.

## **Pediatric & Adolescent or Adult Medical Rehabilitation Program:**

Ability KC is CARF- accredited for programs in stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and amputation. These programs help individuals birth through adulthood regain independence at home, school, work, and in the community. Children and adults benefit from both individual and group therapy plans including physical, occupational and speech therapies in an intensive day program setting.

## **Special Education / School Re-Entry:**

In addition to the robust therapy services offered in Ability KC's Day program, some pediatric patients may participate in classroom time, as led by our on-site special education teacher (certified birth - 21 years old in special education). The focus of this time in our program is to gain an understanding of patient therapeutic goals (and day-to-day needs) as they relate to the school setting. Interns will have the opportunity to gain a broad understanding of how our liaison assists and supports patients, families, and schools, with the transition from the medical model to school-based services through a school re-integration plan.

## **Social Work:**

Ability KC social workers provide resources, support, and guidance to patients, families, and staff. Social workers are present in both Adult Rehabilitation and Pediatric Rehabilitation. Each social worker at Ability KC carries a caseload of patients in both therapeutic day programs (PEDS & Adults). Social workers provide direct support to patients, families, and facilitate services along with the rest of the therapy team.

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## **Therapeutic Preschool Program:**

The therapeutic preschool is nationally accredited and serves children with and without disabilities. Classroom teachers and therapists have extensive experience providing learning opportunities and maximizing each child's potential. Additionally, therapists join the classroom teams to provide a holistic experience specific to each child's goals and plans. During the summer interns support therapists and children with aquatic therapy in our indoor pool.

## **Adaptive Computer and Communication Technology (ACCT):**

The Adaptive Computer & Communication Technology program explores assistive technology tools for children and adults to effectively communicate, enjoy adaptive gaming, and successfully access their computer and phones. Interns will have the opportunity to observe individuals learning and implementing this equipment while also having some hands-on experience with the equipment during this experience.

