



## Description of Program

### Au.D. Externship

The Audiology Department at Children's Memorial Hospital is seeking a Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) student to complete a challenging and exciting 12-month pediatric externship. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, a strong team player, and have a strong desire for a career as a pediatric audiologist. Applicants will have completed their university coursework related to pediatrics, be competent in performing diagnostic audiological procedures on adults, and have completed clinical placements that offered experience with pediatric testing and habilitation.

### Our Community

Children's Memorial Hospital is a free standing 270 bed pediatric hospital in the center of the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. We provide audiological services for a large ENT outpatient clinic, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Hematology/Oncology Department, as well as other inpatient departments. Many of our patients have multiple medical issues and may be difficult-to-test. This educational setting can be highly demanding, requiring that the student clinician demonstrate a high level of critical thinking, composure and professionalism. In June 2012, we will be opening our new state of the art hospital in downtown Chicago.

### Our Services

Our Audiology Department provides a full range of diagnostic and habilitative services to children ranging in age from birth to 18 in an inpatient and outpatient setting. Diagnostic services include behavioral audiological testing: Visual Reinforcement (VRA), Conditioned Play (CPA) and conventional audiometric techniques. We also offer electrophysiologic measures for screening and diagnostic purposes. These tests include Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR), Auditory Steady State Response (ASSR), and Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE). Our habilitative services: hearing aid evaluation, selection, fitting and verification, cochlear implant candidacy evaluation, device selection, mapping and troubleshooting.

### Our Intent

The objective of this educational externship is to provide a variety of clinical experiences to develop the skills necessary for a career as a pediatric audiologist. The extern can expect to receive intensive training and mentoring from an experienced staff of clinical audiologists. During the placement the extern will have the opportunity to apply academic principles within a clinical practice and learn to work as part of a multidisciplinary team.