



DIVISION OF CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program
1E7.12 Walter Mackenzie Centre
8440 – 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2B7
Tel: 780.407.1611 Fax: 780.407.6672

June 1, 2020

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Alberta is inviting applications for admission to its Royal College-accredited Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty (CAPS) Residency Program, with a start date of July 1, 2021.

Royal College-accredited CAPS Programs are designed to be completed in two years. Applicants must either be enrolled in a Royal College-accredited Psychiatry Program and be on track to be certified by the Royal College by the end of their PGY5 year, or they must have already obtained Royal College Certification in Psychiatry before starting the CAPS Program.

To allow residents entering the CAPS Program in PGY5 to complete it in 2 years, the training in PGY5 must fulfill requirements of both the Psychiatry and the CAPS Programs. Our CAPS Program is committed to working collaboratively with PGY5 CAPS residents and their Psychiatry Program Director towards this goal.

The second year of our CAPS Program builds on the clinical and academic knowledge and skills acquired during the first year, and helps residents prepare for transition to fully independent practice. It also supports them in their preparation for the Royal College Certification Exam in CAP, which is scheduled for the fall following completion of the Program. To be eligible for this examination, candidates must already be certified by the Royal College in Psychiatry.

We are a close-knit program, and we work with each resident individually to support them in identifying and preparing for specific career interests within the field. There are about 30 psychiatrists in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Alberta. Several are actively involved with the training program. They provide excellent clinical supervision, academic teaching, and mentorship, as do the psychologists and other allied mental health professionals who are associated with the program.

We provide a wealth of excellent learning opportunities for becoming clinical and academic child and adolescent psychiatrists. Our program offers many choices for core and elective/selective horizontal clinical rotations, including child and adolescent inpatient care; consultation/liaison, urgent care and emergency psychiatry in a tertiary children's hospital, child and adolescent outpatient and day treatment programs, adolescent forensics, adolescent residential treatment, infant and preschool psychiatry, and a variety of specialty clinics (e.g. Autism, ADHD, Mood Disorders, and Trauma and Attachment Disorders). There are two longitudinal psychotherapy rotations: family psychotherapy in PGY5, and child and adolescent individual psychotherapy in PGY6. Elective and selective rotations can also be arranged with the Department of Pediatrics, and with Department of Psychiatry Programs that provide care to older adolescents, such as the Eating Disorders Program. The Department of Psychiatry supports all its residents to enrich their learnings and broaden their perspectives by undertaking electives at other universities.

The Royal College requires that CAPS residents complete a scholarly project in research, quality improvement, or education. In our Program, the scholarly project is structured as a longitudinal rotation in the PGY6 year, with the option for additional elective time.

Our formal academic curriculum includes Foundations of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Academic Days that include seminar series on Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology, Developmental Psychopathology, Individual and Group Therapies, Family Therapy and Normal Development, Journal Club, and other structured academic activities. Residents also have time for several guided self-study days during their training and dedicated time to work on their scholarly projects.

Two positions are available for the University of Alberta Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program, with a start date of July 1, 2021. (Note that for successful candidates who will be in PGY5 during the 2021/2022 Academic Year, the Letter of Offer will pertain to positions that are administered by the Psychiatry Program during PGY5, and the CAPS Program during PGY6.)

Please refer to the appended documents below for details regarding eligibility criteria and the application process, and for an application form.

Please note that this program currently has an accreditation status of “**Notice of Intent to Withdraw**” after the 2017 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Survey.

This accreditation status is given when there is major and /or continuing non-compliance with one or more accreditation standards which calls into question the educational environment and/or integrity of the program.

The training program remains fully accredited at the current time and will undergo an external review in fall 2020. Accreditation status for the program will be withdrawn if significant concerns remain. In that instance, the Associate Postgraduate Dean will be responsible for ensuring that enrolled and accepted residents receive training in another accredited program in Canada.

Our program wants to ensure that applicants are aware of the accreditation status of the program so that they can make a fully informed decision.

Our Department, Division, Program and the Postgraduate Medical Education Office are fully committed to addressing the concerns raised at the 2017 Survey, and work is well-underway to address these concerns.

Should you have any questions about our program, please contact Dr. Lindy VanRiper, Program Director

Lindy VanRiper, MD, FRCPC
Program Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program
University of Alberta
Telephone: 780-407-7307
Email: capspd@ualberta.ca

Trudy Valliere,
Telephone: 780-407-1611
Email: capadmin@ualberta.ca

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCESS

CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Eligibility Criteria

The following eligibility criteria must be met for applications to be considered:

- A. Applicants who will be completing a Psychiatry Residency Program during the first year of the CAPS Program:
1. Applicants are currently in PGY4 of a Psychiatry Residency Program at a Canadian university.
 2. Applicants will be qualified for and plan to take the Royal College Psychiatry Examinations at the end of their PGY5 year.
 3. Applicants are in good standing in their current Psychiatry Residency Program.
 4. Applicants are eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

Final acceptance into PGY6 is contingent on being a resident in good standing at the completion of PGY5, and on passing the Royal College Certification Exam in Psychiatry.

- B. Applicants who will be certified as a Psychiatrist by the Royal College before starting the CAPS Program:
1. Applicants must demonstrate that they were in good standing at the completion of their general psychiatry program.
 2. Applicants are eligible for an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

We regret that we are unable to accept applications from international medical graduates.

Application Instructions

Please read the following application instructions carefully:

1. To be considered for admission to the University of Alberta Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Subspecialty Residency Program (CAPS RP) on July 1, 2021, **ensure that all components of the application package are received no later than September 1, 2020**.
2. Include the following in the application package:
 - a. A completed and signed University of Alberta CAPS RP Application Form (see below)
 - b. A Letter of Good Standing from your Psychiatry Residency Program Director
 - c. A current *Curriculum Vitae*: areas to cover should include, but are not limited to, educational background, scholarly activities and other accomplishments
 - d. A Personal Statement (suggested maximum of 750 words): areas to cover should include, but are not limited to, your interest in the Subspecialty, your interest in the University of Alberta CAPS RP, your suitability as an applicant, and your possible career goals
 - e. Copies of ITERs from all rotations from PGY1 to the present
 - f. Three reference letters: should comment on your suitability to enter the subspecialty as well as your competence in each of the Royal College CanMEDS roles (medical expert, communicator, collaborator, leader, health advocate, scholar and professional); advise referees to address and submit their **reference letters to Dr. Lindy VanRiper, and to ensure that they are received no later than September 1, 2020**.

Selection Process

1. Following a review of all application packages by the Program Director and/or Selection Committee, suitable candidates will be invited for interviews.
2. Candidates will be contacted no later than **September 14, 2020** to set up the interviews.
3. The goal is to have all interviews conducted on **October 7 and/or October 6 & 8 as well**, depending on availability of Selection Committee members, but our Program will attempt to be flexible if a candidate is unable to be available at the offered interview time.
4. The interview process is as follows:
 - a. Interviews will be conducted by the Program Director and 2 members of the Selection Committee.
 - b. All candidates will be asked the same pre-determined interview questions.
 - c. The Selection Committee will use a standardized method to rate responses to the interview questions.
5. The Selection Committee will review the application package and interview results of each of the candidates and rank them accordingly.
6. A Letter of Offer of a position in the CAPS RP will be sent to each successful candidate **on October 30, 2020**.
7. Each successful candidate must respond to the Letter of Offer **no later than 12:00 noon MST on November 5, 2020**.

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN TO FIND THE APPLICATION FORM

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SUBSPECIALTY RESIDENCY PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS			
Legal Surname:		All legal given names in full (indicate most commonly used):	
Date of Birth: (yyyy/mm/dd)		Current University:	
Medical Licensure; Please Specify:		Email Address:	
Present mailing address:	Apt.#	No. & Street	Area Code & Phone number:
	City	Province	Postal Code
Permanent Address:	Apt.#	No. & Street	Area Code & Phone Number:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as mailing address	City	Postal Code
Citizenship:		Immigration Status	First Language:
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian		(If not Canadian Citizen):	<input type="checkbox"/> English
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> French
		<input type="checkbox"/> Student Authorization	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Document Checklist:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed and signed Application Form <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Good Standing from the Psychiatry Residency Program Director <input type="checkbox"/> Current CV <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Statement <input type="checkbox"/> All ITERs from PGY1 to the present <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Reference Letters			
Please provide names of each individual providing a reference letter and their relationship to you.			
Reference Letter 1:			
Reference Letter 2:			
Reference Letter 3:			

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____