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THE AUDIOLOGY CLINICAL EDUCATION NETWORK

Major audiology clinical sites collaborate on a common externship timeline for Fall, 2021.

Cincinnati, OH – A collaborative effort to standardize elements of the Audiology externship process has resulted in the launch of the Audiology Clinical Education Network. While initially focused on standardization, the Network also endeavors to share best practices across institutions in an effort to further improve student outcomes. Initially, the most pressing issue identified was the timeline associated with the student application, interview, and offer and acceptance process of the externship. To this end, the network identified a common timeline to serve as a starting point for standardization of the externship. The purpose of a common timeline is to increase efficiency for students, academic programs and the externship institutions.

All institutions in the Network have voluntarily agreed to adhere to the following timeline for the Fall of 2021:

- September 10, 2021: Deadline for submitting application materials to individual sites
- September 11, 2021: Externship sites begin interviewing applicants
- October 15, 2021: Interviews completed
- October 20, 2021: Offers of externships extended to students at noon
- October 24, 2021: Deadline for students to accept offers of externships
- Ongoing: Supplemental offers may be extended to students if positions are not filled
- November 20, 2021: Process closes

The institutions currently in the Network include:

- Arkansas Children's Hospital
- Boston Children's Hospital
- Boys Town National Research Hospital
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Cleveland Clinic
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
- Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
- Henry Ford Hospital and Health System
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Massachusetts Eye and Ear
- Mayo Clinic Arizona
- Mayo Clinic Florida
- Mayo Clinic Minnesota
- UCLA Medical Center
- University of Michigan Medical Center
- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for Audiology
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Ear, Nose and Throat, Johnstown
- University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Other institutions or practices that provide ongoing support for clinical education through an externship program are encouraged to adopt these timelines and invited to join the Network. Academic programs are being asked to inform students of the timeline for institutions in the network.