

2024/2025 Internship Experience

Who We Are

The mission of Lawndale Christian Health Center is to show and share the love of Jesus by promoting wellness and providing quality, affordable healthcare for Lawndale and the neighboring communities. LCHC works to improve the health and wellbeing of our patients and community through patient-centered services and programs.

Eligibility

Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year program by the time of their employment and must commit to full-time employment for at least 12 months, with a start date beginning May through July of 2024 and an end date ranging from June through August of 2025.

Who We Seek

Candidates looking for real-world experience in the clinical setting before continuing their education, who are passionate and eager to learn about serving under-resourced communities. Individuals who can adapt to a fast-paced and ever-changing environment while showing empathy and compassion to their peers and patients. The program encourages participation of underrepresented minority groups (African American/Latino women and men).

Application Process

We will be accepting applications to the Internship Program from January 2024 to April 16, 2024, unless positions are filled more quickly. We will follow up with candidates to offer interviews in March and April, which may be done either in-person at our main clinic in Chicago or remotely by video conference. Interviewees should expect to be notified of final decisions in April of 2024.



Intern Experience

While each opportunity is unique, interns can expect to be involved in projects at the front line of LCHC's efforts to find innovative ways to promote the health of our patients and improve the quality of care they receive. Depending on the role, these projects will involve varying levels of patient interaction.

Interns will also have the opportunity to participate in various community activities, learn from experts in the Health Care Settings, and enjoy social activities with their cohorts.

The Clinical Operations Intern, Clinical Quality Intern are primarily staff- facing, where the intern may only sporadically work directly with patients but will work closely with LCHC leadership and medical providers on projects that significantly impact patient care.

All interns can expect to observe community-based urban healthcare, to learn about the intersection of faith and medicine, and to build formative relationships with colleagues and community members.

Available Positions

Clinical Operations Intern

The Clinical Operations Intern is primarily responsible for assisting the Chief Clinical Officer of Medical Operations with the administration of various projects focused on the operational management of LCHC, like assessing and improving clinical productivity and efficiency or implementing population-health based interventions. The Medical Operations Assistant also helps with the coordination of events for providers, including recruitment and hiring of prospective providers and planning meetings and trainings for LCHC providers.

Behavioral Health Admin Intern

The Behavioral Health Administrative Intern will work with the Behavioral Health Director and is responsible for clinical administrative duties focused on program development and administration to support the behavioral health and psychiatric needs of LCHC. Responsibilities include data collection and analysis of service line utilization and quality outcomes, development of clinical resources for patients and providers, and project management of initiatives related to behavioral health and psychiatry. Intern will gain exposure to the behavioral health consultation model in primary care, behavioral health treatment groups, and psychiatric consultation model at LCHC.

Clinical Quality Intern

The Clinical Quality Intern is primarily responsible for assisting the Chief Clinical Officer of Clinical Quality with a variety of administrative tasks focused on clinical quality, Electronic Medical Records, and data analysis. Along with performing data mining tasks and statistical analysis, he/she creates reports pertaining to larger clinical quality and population health initiatives.

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Inpatient Care Intern

The Inpatient Care Intern will be primarily stationed at Mt. Sinai Hospital (MSH) and St. Anthony Hospital (SAH), partner hospitals where the majority of LCHC patients are admitted. The Inpatient Care Intern are LCHC's representative there and play a critical role in ensuring the smooth transition of care between the hospital and outpatient setting by scheduling and tracking appropriate follow-up visits, coordinating needs prior to hospital discharge, and providing patient education to reduce unnecessary and costly hospital visits. The Inpatient Care Intern will work closely with a nurse and social worker to assess needs and coordinate care for patients being discharged from an inpatient stay. The Inpatient Care Intern must be proactive, well-organized, and function well in a fast-paced clinic environment. Persons serving in this role must be bilingual (English and Spanish) and must be able to communicate excellently.