



Student Teaching, Clinical Externships, and Nonprofit Internship Opportunities

OUR MISSION

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation creates opportunities and programs to educate individuals with autism through proven interventions to increase independence, encourage meaningful lifelong pursuits, and enrich the community at large.

OUR PROGRAMS

Turning Pointe operates a therapeutic **day school for individuals ages 5 – 22, and two adult employment programs (supported and independent) for adults 18+**, along with family support, including respite, adult and teen social groups, sibling support, and parent education.

A variety of student teaching and clinical externship opportunities are available in Turning Pointe's day school program.

Student Teaching at a Glance

- Evidence-based curriculum aligned with common core standards
- Life skills instruction based in functional academics and community instruction
- Instructional strategy development based on autism best practices and partnered with ABA practices

Speech and Language Therapy Externship at a Glance

- **Participation in comprehensive speech-language and AAC evaluations** using standardized formal and informal assessment methods
- Training in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) assessment, programming, and implementation
- **Experience delivering evidence-based language intervention** for expressive, receptive, and pragmatic communication needs
- **Instruction in Partner Augmented Input (PAI)** and other strategies to support language development for AAC users
- **Experience with multiple service delivery models and multidisciplinary collaboration** within a therapeutic day school setting

Occupational Therapy Externship Program at a Glance

- **Evaluation and clinical reasoning**, including administration of occupation-based, sensory, and visual-motor assessments; skilled clinical observation; and development of occupational profiles
- **Intervention planning and implementation** to support student performance in school-based domains, including activities of daily living (ADLs), educational participation, fine motor, and pre-vocational/vocational skills

- **Service delivery in a school-based setting**, including individual (push-in), small group, and consultative models, as well as development of sensory supports, adaptive strategies, and environmental modifications
- **Interprofessional collaboration and participation in educational processes**, including active involvement in IEP development, team meetings, and communication with multidisciplinary staff
- **Professional documentation and program development**, including daily documentation, data collection, progress monitoring, report writing, and opportunities to support or develop programmatic initiatives

Nonprofit Internships

We offer paid internships for students interested in experiential learning in a mission-driven, nonprofit environment. These positions will integrate areas of concentration to provide students with critical thinking skills, time management strategies, intergenerational communication tasks and problem-solving opportunities during their time in the program. The internships are 12-week commitments designed with flexible hours to meet the student's academic schedule

Areas Of Interest

- Nonprofit Management
- Social Media and Marketing
- PR and Communications
- Community Engagement
- Business Administration
- Healthcare Field Interest
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Advocacy

Interested in learning more about opportunities at Turning Pointe?

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