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- Taylor Levesque (Child Development, Psychology, 2015)
- Summer Intern (Camp Counselor)
- Full-time, 30 hours hours per week
- Paid

What do you do as an intern at this organization?
I set up and run activities, games, and crafts for the campers and help them work to make progress towards their goals. I also communicate with parents about children's progress/write session progress reports and work as part of a team to supervise a group of 12 campers.

How did you find your internship?
Through a posting in the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development at Tufts University.

What do you enjoy most about your internship?
Each day is unique--something unexpected or surprising or unpredictable is bound to happen. As a result, you learn to stay on your toes, be flexible, and react calmly in sometimes-crazy situations. The people are also amazing and provide you with so much support during your journey through camp.

What do you find challenging?
Understanding how each child works, what his or her motivation is, and what obstacles he or she faces is the most challenging part of this internship. Although it is challenging, it is also extremely rewarding once you finally figure a child out and create an intervention that works for them.

What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?
Show up to work each and every day with a positive attitude and lots of energy. The children will thrive in achieving their goals (and having fun at camp) if they have a positive role model to look to. Also, be prompt and persistent in reaching out about openings at camp. There is no deadline, but email Dr. Chris Anderson ASAP if interested.

About the Organization
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Reading, MA

Camp Triumph is a therapeutic day camp for boys and girls in Massachusetts. The camp program offers a supportive, encouraging environment designed to help children with special needs increase their feelings of self-esteem and improve their social, physical and psychological competence.