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Dear Dr. Carr-Kaffashan,

It is with great eagerness that I send you this application for the Trinitas Hospital Internship Program for the 2005-2006 year. I am applying to the Adult Track of your internship program. Enclosed, please find my APPIC generic application form, my Curriculum Vitae, the official copies of my graduate school transcripts, the APPIC Academic Program's Verification of Internship Eligibility and Readiness letter from my Director of Clinical Training, and the three letters of recommendation requested by your program.

I am currently a graduate student in the clinical department of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) at Rutgers University. I believe that the clinical experience I have gathered so far will provide me the necessary foundation for what your program demands. My application is, in part, prompted by the wealth of your didactic opportunities, the cohesion promoted amongst your interns (e.g. the sharing of clinical and didactic experiences) and the learning that results from multi-disciplinary team work.

I am also appreciative of your interest in increasing your interns' clinical training in terms of cultural competence. An interest in learning from diverse populations stems from both my personal and professional experiences. I am Brazilian married to a Japanese citizen, and the parent of two American children. I am, therefore, attracted to challenges and difference. The opportunity to serve a wide range of cultural and ethnic population at Trinitas Hospital qualifies as an optimal internship community.

In view of the large Brazilian community living in the Ironbound section of Newark and in view of the limited services offered by bilingual professionals in the area, I would greatly welcome opportunities to develop outreach programs and to increase Trinitas' exposure within that community. Furthermore, my work with clinical supervisors from different backgrounds has been a critical part of my professional development, and I would value the diversity of supervisory experiences your program offers.

Areas of special interest include furthering my training in child/adolescent outpatient interventions while obtaining new training experiences, such as your Partial Hospital Program and your Emergency Services Adult Rotations.

In closing, I feel that the comprehensive and rigorous experience offered by Trinitas Hospital Internship Program provides an excellent fit with my training goals. I am excited about your program, and I hope to be given a personal interview as part of the evaluative process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at home at (973) or email me at.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,