



## **NYU Langone Department of Rehabilitation- Brooklyn Campus**

150 55th Street, Brooklyn, NY  
Adult Externship in Clinical Neuropsychology

The NYU Langone Health Department of Rehabilitation Brooklyn campus is recruiting clinical externs with interest in both inpatient and outpatient assessment and intervention for the 2022-2023 training year. Externs will receive broad-based training in the theory and practice of neuropsychology. Externs will learn to administer, score and interpret neuropsychological test batteries for adults admitted to acute inpatient rehabilitation for a wide range of neurological, medical and neurodegenerative conditions. Inpatient assessments are often brief and typically conducted bedside. Outpatient assessments are more comprehensive and typically last 2-3 hours. Objective testing findings and clinical impressions are used to guide treatment planning and inform brief evidence-based cognitive, behavioral and caregiver-based interventions, when applicable. Primary populations include stroke, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, and various neurodegenerative disorders. Patients are from extremely diverse ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

The externship is embedded in an interprofessional context, where neuropsychology is part of an interdisciplinary team of professionals (physical medicine & rehabilitation, neurology, speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy and psychiatry) who all evaluate and work together to rehabilitate patients. As a result, externs also learn to write under tight time constraints and provide same-day verbal feedback to team members during patient-care conferences. Externs will also contribute to the creation of behavior plans to better manage treatment barriers (e.g., delirium, inverted sleep/wake cycles, agitation).

Unless work-from-home mandates due to the COVID-19 are put into place, trainees should expect that all clinical work will occur on site. Trainees are required to commit at least 2 days per week (16 hours). Tuesday is strongly preferred as clinical day if interested in outpatient work (clinical intake, assessment & scoring); second day dedicated to (case conceptualization /report writing; case conference; supervision) can be any day. Same format will apply to inpatient work. Some opportunities for co-leading psychoeducational/mindfulness groups are also available, if interested. Trainees are granted full remote access to our electronic medical record system, NYU medical library, and email.

Supervision of neuropsychology trainees will be provided by Kristen Wesbecher, PhD. Externs also attend didactic experiences through the Departments of Neurology and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. These experiences will likely remain virtual. Neuropsychology Division didactics occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm; attendance is required at least once per week. Assuming that didactic experiences may return to live/in-person format eventually, these primarily occur at the NYULH Manhattan campus. The trip between campuses on the free NYULH ferry takes approximately 45 minutes. Trainee schedules will be modified as necessary to accommodate attendance at didactics.



The year-long externship runs from the first week of July, 2022 to the end of June, 2023. The Neuropsychology Externships are advanced placements. Therefore, graduate coursework in neuropsychology, prior testing experience, and/or exposure to medical populations are strongly preferred but not required. Students should be at least in their 2nd year of graduate training during the application process.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, CV, list of psychological/neuropsychological tests administered, and two letters of recommendation to the NYNJADOT practicum portal managed by APA. Be sure to note that you are applying for the Inpatient Rehabilitation Track.

**Intervention and Assessment:**

Intervention training experiences offered: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for depression, anxiety, insomnia and pain; Cognitive Rehabilitation via CogSmart

Assessment training experiences offered: Neuropsychological assessment; bedside neurobehavioral exams

Expected number of full assessment batteries completed during externship: 1-2/week; approximately 50 total

Estimate # of integrated assessment reports per year: 1-2/week; approximately 50 total

**Supervision:**

Estimate hours/week of individual supervision: 2+ hours

Estimated hours/week of group supervision: 1 hour

Estimated hour/week of didactics: 1 hour

Estimated informal open door "curbside" supervision: As needed & welcomed

Describe direct supervision: Supervisor in the room during clinical interview/testing to begin and progressing to more independence over time.

**Support:**

Is the agency readily accessible through public transportation?: Yes ; R&N trains nearby; also accessible by NYC ferry system.

Wheelchair accessible: Yes

Are home visits required as part of the trainee's duties?: No

Is a transportation stipend provided?: No

**General information about externship site:**

Brooklyn supervisor: Kristen Wesbecher, PhD Length of externship (in months): 12 months

Start Date: July 1st End Date: June 30<sup>th</sup>

How many hours a week are expected of extern?: 16

# of externs to be accepted for 2022-23: 1-2

Required Days: N/A

Minimum level of readiness: This neuropsychology externship is an advanced placement.

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Do you provide a stipend? No