

CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EXTERNSHIP

The Center for Neuropsychological Services (CNS)

This program is a general outpatient neuropsychology practice that serves clients from age 6-years-old through the lifespan. Externs gain experience with neuropsychological assessment of pediatric and adult clients with a variety of neurologic, medical, and psychiatric illnesses. Adult assessments include neurodegenerative disorders, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, autoimmune disorders, cancer, and depression. Pediatric evaluations commonly address diagnostic issues related to developmental disorders such as learning disability and ADHD, but also commonly address acquired disorders including cancer and traumatic brain injury. Opportunities also exist for neuropsychological consultation on inpatient psychiatry units to assist in differential diagnosis.

The program utilizes a hypothesis-testing approach to assessment and may use flexible neuropsychological batteries. Externs will participate in all aspects of assessment including interview, exam administration, report writing, and feedback to patients and professionals. These activities are all performed under a high degree of supervision from a licensed psychologist specializing exclusively in neuropsychology. Externs are trained alongside clinical psychology interns specializing in neuropsychology and neuropsychology postdoctoral fellows. Trainees may also participate in extensive didactic programs that include a weekly neuropsychology seminars and Neurology and Psychiatry Rounds.

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To Apply to the Clinical Neuropsychology Externship

The applicant must be a candidate for the Ph.D. or Psy.D. in a psychology program in clinical or other relevant area of professional psychology or be enrolled in a qualified re-specialization program.

All neuropsychology externships require a time commitment of at least 2-days (16 hours) per week over a 12-month period. July starts are preferred, to coincide with the start of the internship training year. The program abides by the rules set by PSYDNYS for recruitment and training.

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