

Externship Neuropsychological Assessment Track

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Number of externs: 2 (at least one of them is a bilingual Spanish/English position)

The Neuropsychological Assessment track within the Bellevue Hospital Externship Program offers training for those interested in furthering their skills in assessment and provides some of the fundamental knowledge base required for considering a career in neuropsychology as outlined by the Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. Under supervision, externs conduct adult neuropsychological evaluations with an ethnically and culturally diverse inpatient and outpatient population, whom present with a wide range of psychiatric, neurological, and medical disorders, including, but not limited to, psychiatric and/or personality disorders, neurodegenerative disorders, stroke, traumatic brain injury, and substance abuse.

Externs in the Neuropsychological Assessment track are instructed in the administration and interpretation of empirically validated neuropsychological test batteries. Focus is placed on learning correct test administration and interpretation of data as well as integration of this information with patients' unique history and self-report, behavioral observations, and collateral information, to form a thoughtful conceptualization to drive practical and appropriate recommendations. Externs' responsibilities include review of medical charts, schedule appointments, select appropriate measures, administer and score test batteries, and report writing.

Supervision is provided by Dr. Bernal on an ongoing basis throughout the assessment process, including feedback to the patient, family, and/or referral source. Externs interact with trainees and hospital staff from a variety of disciplines. It is anticipated that they will gain an appreciation of the value of teamwork in this interdisciplinary setting.

In addition to a weekly Friday seminar for all externs in the Bellevue Externship Program, the Neuropsychological Assessment track offers a neuropsychology seminar. Several other optional learning opportunities are available, depending on trainees' schedule, including the BHC Psychiatry Case Conference and Grand Rounds.

Time Commitment: Two full days (16 hours) per week, with mandatory Friday attendance (Mondays are not available).

Applicant Qualifications: Applicants must be candidates for a PhD or PsyD in a graduate psychology program in clinical psychology or clinical neuropsychology. Graduate coursework in neuropsychology. One year of prior externship experience in neuropsychology is preferred but not required. Bilingual (Spanish-speaking) candidates are encouraged to apply and will receive supervision by a bilingual neuropsychologist.

How to Apply: Applications are submitted via the APA Portal at <https://nynjadot.apa.org/> from 1/9/23 to 1/16/23. Please include a 1-2-page cover letter, a copy of your CV, letter or eligibility, two letters of recommendation (at least one of them from prior neuropsychology externship, if applicable), and a neuropsychological report (if you do not have prior neuropsychology experience, submit a psychological assessment report). For additional questions, you may email brachfec@nychhc.org and esanh@nychhc.org.