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**The Neuroscience Institute and Department of Neurology at Hackensack University Medical Center**

**Description of Neuropsychology Externship**

**Setting/Experience:**

Hackensack University Medical Center's Neuroscience Institute and Department of Neurology is comprised of specialists in neuropsychology, counseling/health psychology, neurology, neurosurgery, headache, neuro-immunology, stroke, movement disorders, neuromuscular diseases and neurogenetics who offer the latest approaches for patients facing a variety of neurological conditions and injury. The neuropsychology service provides primarily outpatient evaluations to assess cognitive functioning for a variety of primarily medical diagnoses (e.g., MS, cortical and subcortical dementia, stroke, concussion, epilepsy, etc.) in adult populations, and to a lesser extent pediatric populations.

The student extern would ideally be a candidate with interest in neuropsychology, completed specialized coursework in neuroanatomy and neuropsychological assessment in their graduate program, and hold previous externship experience in neuropsychological assessment. Clinical load would vary from 1-2 neuropsychological evaluations per week. The possibility for the student to also provide individual and group psychotherapeutic and/or cognitive rehabilitation services to our patient population, if desired, is available. Counseling and cognitive rehabilitation caseload will be dependent upon student availability and previous experience level, but can go up to 1-2 intakes per week and 1-2 individual sessions per week.

The proposed practicum timeline would be from July-June and the ideal candidate would be on site 2-3 days per week. Supervision would be adjusted according to case load. The opportunity to attend didactics, rounds, and departmental meetings is available and strongly recommended. Objectives of the experience include:

- 1) Familiarity with the prevalence and presentation of various neuropsychological issues in acute care medical settings.

- 2) Knowledge of how medical disorders and medical treatment/intervention can affect cognition and quality of life.
- 3) Honing clinical skills in interviewing, neuropsychological test administration and interpretation, formulating diagnoses and recommendations, and conducting feedback with patients.
- 4) Familiarity with operating within a larger multi-disciplinary team, thus developing skills to facilitate successful collaboration with physicians, and other allied health professionals within an outpatient center.

**Interested candidates should contact:**

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