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APA Accredited Psychology Internship Program Neuropsychology Track

The neuropsychology track at the JJP VAMC has openings for two interns per training year. Interns in this track devote a minimum of 50 percent time to clinical, educational, and research activities related to neuropsychology, in accordance with the APA's Division 40 Houston Conference Guidelines. The track is designed to prepare interns interested primarily in clinical neuropsychology for competitive postdoctoral programs.

Interns in the neuropsychology track are part of the neuropsychology consultation service in the mental health patient care center at the JJP VAMC. This service provides consult-based outpatient and inpatient neuropsychological evaluations for numerous departments throughout the medical center, including mental health (e.g., PTSD clinic, supported recovery services, mental health outpatient clinic, inpatient psychiatry unit, primary care mental health clinic), neurology, primary care, infectious disease, community living center, spinal cord injury unit, ALS clinic, and inpatient medicine units.

The most common reason for consult requests is to provide differential diagnosis of disrupted cognitive and/or behavioral function secondary to neurologic disease, substance use and/or psychiatric dysfunction. Assessment may also be requested to assist the patient, referring provider, treatment team and/or family members in discharge planning, selection of rehabilitation options, and vocational or educational planning. Common patient presentations include neurocognitive disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia), TBI, stroke, Parkinson's disease, MS, ALS, metabolic disturbances, infectious diseases, psychiatric conditions (e.g., PTSD, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, ADHD), and learning disabilities.

In addition to their primary 12-month neuropsychology rotation, interns also participate in a 12-month sub-rotation in psychological evaluation at the ALS clinic, as well as two 6-month psychotherapy sub-rotations in the mental health outpatient and geropsychology clinics. Neuropsychology track interns also have the option of rotating through two of the following sub-rotations: spinal cord injury and related diseases unit (e.g., MS), inpatient psychiatry unit, community living center (subacute rehabilitation and long-term care), and primary care mental health clinic.

A comprehensive neuropsychology didactic program is an integral part of the neuropsychology track. This program covers topics such as neuroanatomy, neuropathology, neuropsychological disorders, battery selection, and administration of cognitive measures. Journal club, fact finding cases, ethical issues, and professional development are also covered.

APPIC Application Deadline: November 1, 2022

For more information: www.va.gov/bronx-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships