
CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY EXTERNSHIP

The Center for Neuropsychological Services (CNS)

CNS is recruiting 5 clinical neuropsychology externs for the 2024-2025 academic year. This program is a general outpatient neuropsychology practice that serves clients from age 18-months-old through the lifespan. Externs gain experience with neuropsychological assessment across a variety of neurologic, medical, and psychiatric conditions. 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 the client and other 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 and post-doctoral fellows specializing in neuropsychology. Trainees may also participate in extensive didactic programs that include a weekly neuropsychology seminars and Grand Rounds.

Track Descriptions:

The **adult neuropsychology track** (2 slots) provides externs with training in neuropsychological assessment across a variety of medical and psychiatric conditions. Referral sources include neurology, geriatrics, psychiatry, oncology, and primary care from within the larger Northwell Health system and from community providers. Neurodegenerative disorders, epilepsy, traumatic brain injury, HIV, autoimmune disorders, cancer, and depression are particularly represented among our referrals. Opportunities also exist for inpatient neuropsychological consultation on inpatient psychiatry units to assist in differential diagnosis and on inpatient cardiology units to assist with heart transplant candidacy. Our program also performs consultation for ADHD, providing trainees unique opportunity in interviewing, consultation, and immediate feedback to clients.

The **pediatric neuropsychology track** (1 slots) provides externs with training in neuropsychological assessment with pediatric patients from preschool age through young adulthood. Patient populations include those with congenital and/or acquired disorders affecting brain development (e.g., genetic disorders, cancer, hematologic diseases, traumatic brain injury, seizures) and neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., learning disability, ADHD, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder). Externs will develop skills in working with children, adolescents, and young adults during testing, conducting clinical interviews and feedback sessions with patients and their families, and exposure to care coordination with schools and other providers.

The **lifespan neuropsychology track** (2 slots) allows externs to participate in both of the tracks described above. Externs will spend six-month rotations in each track.

Supervisors: Julia Chen, Ph.D., Pat Olsen, Ph.D., Philip Watson, Ph.D.

To Apply to the Clinical Neuropsychology Externship

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.

Please submit:

1. Letter of interest
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Two letters of recommendation

For more information, please contact **Philip Watson, Ph.D.** pwatson1@northwell.edu