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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 for competitive postdoctoral programs in clinical neuropsychology.

Interns in the neuropsychology track participate in a 12-month rotation in the JJP VAMC's neuropsychology consultation service. This service provides consult-based outpatient and inpatient neuropsychological assessment 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, and inpatient medicine units.

The most common reason for consult requests is to provide differential diagnosis of cognitive and/or behavioral dysfunction secondary to neurologic disease, substance use, and psychiatric conditions. 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 vocation or education planning. Common patient presentations include neurodegenerative disorders (e.g., Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson's disease), TBI, stroke, and psychiatric conditions (e.g., PTSD, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia spectrum disorders).

In addition to their primary neuropsychological assessment rotation, interns participate in a 12-month sub-rotation in psychological evaluation in the ALS clinic, where they work closely with the clinic's multidisciplinary team. Interns also participate in two 6-month sub-rotations of their choosing, with options including psychotherapy in the mental health outpatient or geropsychology clinics, or psychotherapy and neuropsychological assessment in the MS clinic, spinal cord injury and related diseases unit, inpatient psychiatry unit, community living center, or primary care mental health clinic.

A comprehensive neuropsychology didactic program is an integral part of the neuropsychology track, offered to neuropsychology interns in addition to the internship's general didactic series. The program covers a wide range of topics such as neuroanatomy, neuropathology, differential diagnosis, battery selection, and administration of cognitive measures. Journal club, fact finding cases, ethical decision-making, and professional development are also covered. Cultural sensitivity and competence are major areas of focus that are integrated throughout the program.

APPIC Application Deadline: November 1, 2024

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