

# Memorial Sloan Kettering Pediatric Neuropsychology Externship

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## **Description of Externship:**

Memorial Sloan Kettering offers externship training in neuropsychological assessment of children and adolescents in an oncology setting. The trainee will learn about neurodevelopment, brain-behavior relationships, and cognitive late effects of treatment in survivors of childhood cancer. Primary referrals are from the pediatric neuro-oncology, hematology, long-term follow up, and psychiatry departments. Evaluations are predominantly outpatient. Didactic opportunities include neuropsychology didactics, journal clubs, case conferences, and grand rounds (pediatrics and psychiatry).

## **General information:**

**Length of externship:** 12 months

**How many hours a week are expected of extern:** 2 days per week, approximately 16 hours

**Specialty tracks:** Pediatric Oncology

**# of externs to be accepted for 2020-21:** 1-2

**Minimum level of readiness:** 3rd or 4th year students who have foundational experience with pediatric neuropsychological assessment and report writing

**Stipend:** No

**Interviews begin:** February Interview process: 1 hour individual interview with Dr. Stephen Sands and other assessment staff to review externship, prior training experience, training goals and to answer questions to ensure proper match.

**Application materials:** Applicants will forward 2 de-identified child and adolescent neuropsychological evaluation reports, along with a cover letter and 2 letters of recommendation.

**Intervention and Assessment Intervention training experiences:** Research trials for cognitive interventions are available.

**Assessment training experiences:** Outpatient clinic is located in MSK Counseling Center at 641 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY and we receive approximately 15 referrals of pediatric cancer survivors per month. The extern would be trained to evaluate 2-3 survivors per month, along with assessing other patients currently on treatment at the main MSK campus located at 1275 York Avenue.

**Expected number of full assessment batteries completed during externship:** 24-36

**Estimate # of integrated assessment reports per year:** 24-36

**Supervision Estimate hours/week of individual supervision:** 1 hours per week formal

**Estimated hour/week of didactics:** 1 hour per week

**Estimated co-therapy hours with supervisors:** N/A

**Context of didactics (seminars, Grand Rounds):** Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds, Weekly Neuropsychology Seminars

**Estimated informal open door "curbside" supervision:** 1 hour per week

**Describe direct supervision:** observation (direct and/or one way mirror), patient and parent engagement, review of scoring, data patterns, report writing, recommendations.

**Support If you have only one extern, would you be open to having the extern participate in a peer support consortium with other sites- live or "SKYPE":** Yes

**Is the agency readily accessible through public transportation:** Yes

**Wheelchair accessible:** Yes

**Are home visits required as part of the trainee's duties:** No

**Is a transportation stipend provided:** No