

**Columbia University
College of Physicians and Surgeons
The Neurological Institute of New York
Division of Aging and Dementia**

Externships in Clinical Neuropsychology 2006-2007

The Predoctoral Externship Program in Clinical Neuropsychology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons offers a rich and diverse clinical experience within the area of aging and dementia and is designed to provide training experience in neuropsychological assessment for individuals interested in pursuing a career in clinical neuropsychology. The Department of Neurology at Columbia University Medical Center is one of the largest in the country. There are over 160 faculty members and 46 post-residency fellows representing all subspecialties of neurology. The large size and the commensurate facilities allow for exceptional clinical versatility and expertise as well as research opportunities.

Externs within the Externship Program represent a part of a multidisciplinary team within the Division of Aging and Dementia at the Neurological Institute of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/neurology>). The clinical service is integrated with several research protocols through the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's disease and the Aging Brain (www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/taub/index.html), and the Gertrude H. Sergievsky Center (www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/sergievsky/), and includes 3 neuropsychologists, 7 neurologists, 2 psychiatrists, and several postdoctoral fellows. The service is focused on diagnosing and treating cognitive and behavioral disorders. As such, externs gain experience with primarily older adults suffering from a range of disorders including dementia (e.g. Alzheimer's disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, frontotemporal dementia), movement disorders (e.g. Parkinson's disease, corticobasal degeneration), and stroke. The extern is required to spend two days per week administering, scoring, and interpreting neuropsychological test instruments, along with writing reports. Supervision is provided by licensed psychologists with specialized training and experience in memory disorders and dementia.

How to apply to the Clinical Neuropsychology Externship:

Applicants must be candidates for a Ph.D. in a psychology program in clinical psychology or clinical neuropsychology. Applicants should have at least one year of prior externship or practicum experience. Please forward a copy of your CV and a work sample (a neuropsychological report) to:

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