

## Clinical Neuropsychology Externship

The Clinical Neuropsychology Externship at Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) can accept one extern for the 2024-2025 training year. This externship is a specialty track conjoint with the NUMC Clinical Psychology Externship in Psychiatry, with both rotations in neuropsychology. The extern will gain experience in administering, scoring, and interpreting neuropsychological test batteries in adults (and potentially some children) with a variety of neurological and psychiatric conditions. Students will see both inpatients and outpatients.

Students will also see cases for individual psychotherapy (and occasionally individual cognitive remediation). Intervention experiences are with adults, within a primarily neurobehavioral and CBT training model (although there is also exposure to psychodynamic models through joint didactics). The student may carry from 2-3 individual treatment outpatients. In addition, they will see inpatients for short-term individual therapy/counseling, both on the adult rehabilitation unit (stroke, TBI, MS, spinal cord injury, etc.) and on the medical floors (including the ICU and burn unit). There is also an opportunity to participate in cognitive remediation group therapy (occurs on Thursday afternoons). Students receive at least two hours of supervision weekly, both from a board-certified neuropsychologist and a clinical psychologist with experience in geropsychology and rehabilitation.

The externship adheres to the NYNJADOT guidelines and application process. Trainees are required to commit to at least 2 days per week, totaling 16 hours; these can be divided into half-days and hours are flexible. The extern needs to attend on Friday mornings, in order to participate in didactic seminars and an administrative meeting, jointly with Clinical Psychology externs. This meeting is completed by ~11:30 AM. The extern is encouraged to attend grand rounds in the Departments of Psychiatry (Wednesday afternoon), and attend interdisciplinary team meetings, although both are voluntary.

There is also an opportunity to gain research experience in ongoing studies and develop individual projects for presentation.

Current enrollment as a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology or Clinical Neuropsychology is required. Please note that we are unable to accept students from School Psychology programs. Graduate coursework in neuropsychology and prior testing experience is preferred. NUMC does accept applications from students concurrently applying for internship. This externship is ideal for students with a background in neuropsychology or health psychology, who would like experience with a geriatric population and/or rehabilitation population (inpatient is primarily acute rehab).

Applicants will be notified about interviews via email. The interview process consists of individual interviews with Dr. Schaefer and Dr. Fordsham (currently via Zoom). The start date for the neuropsychology externship is in early September, with end date in late June 2025.

Affiliation agreement between the student's university and NuHealth is required, as is Worker's Compensation insurance coverage by the school. Students are required to be vaccinated for COVID.

Interested applicants should upload a brief cover letter, a letter from the director of training at your school stating that you are a student in good standing and eligible for externship, a CV, a copy of an assessment report with all identifying information redacted, and 2 Letters of recommendation to the APA Externship Portal. A summary of neuroscience/neuropsychology/assessment courses and transcript may be emailed.

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