
Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology

The department of psychiatry at Northwell Health is seeking applicants for a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology beginning July 1, 2024 (start date is flexible). The neuropsychology service within the department of psychiatry is comprised of four neuropsychologists and trainees at the extern, intern, and fellow levels. This postdoctoral fellowship is designed to prepare the fellow for a career specialty in clinical neuropsychology and fulfills the requirements for board certification through ABPP/ABCN.

The fellowship primarily focuses on clinical neuropsychological assessment experience within Northwell Health's Early Treatment Program (ETP) and Center for Neuropsychological Services (CNS).

Training

The bulk of the fellowship experience is housed within ETP, a specialized program for the assessment and treatment of individuals with new onset psychotic illness. The fellow's primary responsibilities within ETP are to conduct psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluations. The fellow also provides cognitive rehabilitation to a small caseload of patients. Psychotherapy and/or research involvement are available dependent on interest. Within ETP, the fellow is a key member of a large multidisciplinary team that includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, vocational and academic rehabilitation specialists, and psychology trainees. The fellow is an integral part of this team, providing diagnostic clarity and evaluation of each client's functional status and presenting that information to the team during the clinical team meetings.

The Center for Neuropsychological Services is a general outpatient neuropsychology practice providing consultation and assessment services to a general client base that includes pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients presenting with a variety of neurologic, medical, and psychiatric illnesses. The fellow conducts neuropsychological evaluations with this population and has opportunity within the larger neuropsychology group at Northwell Health to observe Wadas, extra- and intra-operative mappings, etc. The larger neuropsychology group encompasses 12 neuropsychologists, and trainees at the extern, intern, and post-doctoral levels within the departments of neurology, psychiatry, and physical medicine & rehab.

The fellow will also participate in the supervision of externs performing neuropsychological evaluations and providing cognitive remediation therapy to clients within ETP. The fellow will participate in all aspects of training, including providing training on task administration, scoring, interpretation, report writing, and provision of rehabilitation interventions.

Didactics and Supervision

The fellow will receive no fewer than two hours of formal weekly supervision. Our program also provides availability from any one of the fellowship supervisors on an as needed basis. The fellowship supervisors include:

- Hilary Bertisch, PhD, ABPP-CN
- Kristin Candan, PhD
- Julia Chen, PhD
- Pat Olsen, PhD
- Philip Watson, PhD

Additionally, a broad range of didactics are offered, including weekly neuropsychology seminars with the larger neuropsychology group, a post-doctoral psychology fellow seminar, psychiatry grand rounds, neurology grand rounds, and others if interested. The neuropsychology seminar covers diagnostic, neuroscience, and neuropsychology related topics, including neuroanatomy, specific neurologic and psychiatric disorders, and mock fact-findings.

Research

Opportunities for the fellow to participate in research projects are available and encouraged. ETP has accumulated clinical and neuropsychological data on approximately 600 clients over the past 10 years that can be used to answer questions important for clinical and functional outcomes and to understand disease progression.

Northwell Health / Zucker Hillside Hospital

Northwell Health is a large integrated health system that includes over 20 hospitals and more than 400 outpatient offices across the greater New York City Metropolitan area encompassing a service area of seven million people. Zucker Hillside Hospital is a nationally recognized inpatient and outpatient psychiatric hospital within Northwell Health located on a 32-acre park-like campus bordering Queens and Long Island in New York, and is home to an APA-accredited internship program offering tracks in adult and child psychology and clinical neuropsychology. The research department at Zucker Hillside Hospital works as a division of Northwell Health's Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research and maintains several NIMH-funded research programs that focus on serious neuropsychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia (including early-onset schizophrenia and the prodrome), bipolar disorder, depression, and others. Major programmatic emphases include neuropsychology, neurophysiology, neuroimaging, genetics, psychopharmacology, and rehabilitation. Zucker Hillside Hospital was included in the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals and is a National Institute for Mental Health designated Clinical Research Center for the Study of Schizophrenia.

Benefits

The fellow will earn \$50,000 annually. Benefits include paid time off and paid legal holidays. Northwell Health provides a benefit program that includes health insurance for employees.

Application Requirements

Requirements for the fellowship include specialized training in neuropsychology, strong written and oral presentation skills, and the ability to obtain a limited permit issued by the New York State Department of Education. Interviews for the fellowship position will be conducted either virtually or in person at Zucker Hillside Hospital. Please note that this fellowship is not an APPCN member and will not participate in the match process.

Interested applicants should send the following application materials:

- Letter of interest
- Curriculum Vitae
- Graduate transcript
- Two sample neuropsychology reports
- Three letters of recommendations

Materials should be sent to pwatson1@northwell.edu by December 18, 2023.

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