

Fellow Benefits

- A stipend of \$47,623 for the first year and \$50,197 for the second year.
- Ten federal holidays, plus sick and annual leave accrual totaling 26 days for the year and reasonably priced medical insurance.
- A comprehensive benefits package.
- Up to seven days of authorized absence for professional conferences and approved educational activities, annually.
- Appointment at the Instructor level in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine.

Application Deadline:

January 15, 2015

(will begin accepting applications in November 2014)

Interviews Conducted at the
2015 International
Neuropsychological Society Meeting

Start Date:

August 2015

*The MEDVAMC is an equal opportunity employer, and the psychology training program has a strong interest in recruiting persons from diverse backgrounds. Applicants with a disability who require accommodations for the application process or interview are encouraged to contact the Training Director to discuss their needs.

Application Process

1. Applicants must be United States citizens per nation-wide VA guidelines and must successfully complete an APA accredited internship and academic program offering a Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical or counseling psychology by the beginning of the postdoctoral training year .
2. Letters of recommendation from three professionals familiar with your clinical training and background.
3. An official graduate transcript.
4. A complete, up-to-date curriculum vitae.
5. A letter stating your clinical and research interests in the fellowship training program.
6. Receipt of application materials by January 15 for interview at INS. Telephone interviews can be arranged. Onsite visits applicants are available on request but will require early submission of materials (December 2014).
7. **Two ways to apply:** Materials can be mailed to directly to Dr. Collins (address below). Electronic submission via email is acceptable (letters can be emailed directly from letter writers).

Mail applications or email questions to:

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Neuropsychology Fellowship Director
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This program is accredited as a specialty practice fellowship in neuropsychology by the APA

Program Consultation and Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-5979



Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Clinical Neuropsychology

Two Fellowship Positions
Starting August 2015

Webpage:

http://www.houston.va.gov/Education/Psychology_Internship_and_Postdoctoral_Fellowship/Psychology_Internship_and_Postdoctoral_Fellowship.asp

Program Description

The clinical neuropsychology fellowship is one of several post-doctoral training programs offered at the MEDVAMC. Within the neuropsychology fellowship, fellows create an individualized training plan that helps them to gain the experiences and skills necessary to become board-eligible neuropsychologists.

Training consists of major rotations through the Neurology Care Line, Rehabilitation and Extended Care Line, and Mental Health Care Line, minor neuropsychology and psychotherapy rotations, organized didactics, and research mentorship. The training experience is designed to prepare fellows for independent practice as a clinical neuropsychologists and to subsequently pursue board certification through ABCN:

Jane Booth, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Mental Health Care Line

Robert Collins, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Neurology Care Line/Epilepsy Center

Brian Miller, Ph.D.

Mental Health Care Line/
Rehabilitation and Extended Care Line/Polytrauma

Nicholas Pastorek, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Rehabilitation and Extended Care Line/Polytrauma

Nicholas Wisdom, Ph.D.

Mental Health Care Line

Michelle York, Ph.D.

Neurology Care Line/
Parkinson's Clinic

In addition, fellows can take advantage of the many opportunities for psychotherapy training and experiences available through the MEDVAMC Mental Health Care Line.

Training Model

- Scientist-practitioner model of training.
- Approximately 80% of the fellows time is spent in clinical services and at least 20% is protected for didactics and research. Fellows attend weekly postdoctoral seminars, a weekly neuropsychology case conference seminar, and other neuropsychology didactics as directed.
- The program is a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) and will participate in the 2015 match.
- This program is accredited by the APA as a specialty practice program in clinical neuropsychology.

Training Goals

This fellowship in clinical neuropsychology has two main goals:

1. Graduates will enter independent practice as a clinical neuropsychologist
2. Graduates will successfully pursue board certification in clinical neuropsychology (ABPP-CN)

To meet these goals clinical neuropsychology fellows will meet training objectives that are of sufficient breadth to ensure advanced competency as a professional psychologist and of sufficient depth and focus to ensure the technical expertise and proficiency necessary to the specialty of clinical neuropsychology.



Training Objectives

- Training objectives include attaining advanced knowledge and skills in 1) comprehensive neuropsychological assessment, 2) a broad range of psychological interventions, 3) strategies of scholarly inquiry, 4) relevant administrative and organizational activities, 5) consultation, program evaluation, supervision, and teaching, 6) professional issues and conduct, 7) cultural and individual diversity competencies, and 8) advanced knowledge of brain-behavior relationships.
- In keeping with the spirit of the Houston Conference Guidelines, it is understood that incoming fellows will have varying degrees of exposure to clinical neuropsychology at graduate and internship levels. As such, the development of neuropsychology skills will be tailored to meet the individual fellow's needs.
- Clinical neuroanatomy course is offered through Baylor College of Medicine (if necessary for training).