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**Clinical Psychology Training Programs at Brown: A Consortium of the
Providence VA Medical Center,
Lifespan, and Care New England
Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program
Postdoctoral Fellowship Description: CLINICAL FOCUS**

Title: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Geriatric Neuropsychology

APA Accredited: YES X NO

Site: Butler Hospital

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This two-year fellowship at Butler Hospital is part of the Clinical Neuropsychology Specialty Program (CNSP) within the Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Program (PFTP) of Brown University's clinical psychology training Consortium. The CNSP is currently in the process of obtaining APA-accreditation as a Specialty Program in Clinical Neuropsychology. Until such accreditation is received, first-year CNSP fellows are concurrently enrolled in the Clinical Psychology Program of the PFTP which is currently accredited by APA as a Traditional Practice Program.

Description of Site:

Founded in 1844, Butler Hospital is Rhode Island's only private, non-profit psychiatric hospital for adolescents, adults, and seniors. Butler is affiliated with Alpert Medical School of Brown University and is the flagship for its Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. Butler has specialty inpatient units in geriatrics, substance abuse, adolescents, and mood disorders, as well as partial hospital programs focusing on young adults, women and substance abuse. Butler is the home of a multidisciplinary Memory and Aging clinic and a geriatric inpatient unit. In addition, Butler houses a Movement Disorders clinic and a Psychiatric Neurosurgery Program directed by Dr. McLaughlin in which patients are tested before and after surgery for severe OCD.

Fellowship Aims

This fellowship is based at Butler Hospital, a free-standing psychiatric facility affiliated with Alpert Medical School of Brown University. The fellow will function as a member of the treatment team on the geriatric unit, attend Memory Clinic rounds, and conduct research in aging and dementia. The team has particular interests in dementia, executive functioning, neuroimaging, and cerebrovascular disease.

1. To provide the fellow with post-doctoral training in the area of clinical neuropsychology, with special emphasis on aging, dementia, and geriatric psychiatric disorders.
2. To provide the fellow with experience in dementia research.
3. To enable the fellow to gain experience working with multidisciplinary teams on the Butler Hospital Senior Specialty inpatient unit and Memory Disorders Clinic.

Fellowship Timeline

The fellowship will begin between July and early September. The duration of the fellowship is 2 years, contingent upon satisfactory progress.

Research Activity Plan (20%)

The fellow will be exposed to various aspects of clinical and research work in neuropsychology. This is achieved via participation in the following activities:

- Clinical trials: Fellows will participate in clinical trials, administering outcome measures, recruiting patients, and training staff. Current trials include vaccines for Alzheimer's disease and new brain imaging methods in dementia.
- Grant writing: Fellows have the option of submitting F32 or foundation grants in the area of dementia and aging.
- Manuscript preparation and submission: The fellow will complete a review in a research area of their choosing for submission to a peer-reviewed journal. The fellow will be encouraged to collaborate on manuscript preparation using existing datasets and present posters at national conferences. Most fellows complete one to four studies during two years of training.

Clinical Activity Plan (70%)

In order to ensure that the fellow receives a high level of clinical training in the area of neuropsychology, the following activities will be required during the fellowship:

- Treatment services: The fellow will attend multidisciplinary rounds on the inpatient geriatric unit several times per week. The fellow will assist the team in making diagnostic, treatment and placement recommendations.
- The fellow will participate in weekly multidisciplinary diagnostic consensus conferences. They will learn to integrate information from the neurological exam, laboratory and genetic studies, and neuroimaging into their reports.
- Clinical assessment: The fellow will assess about five patients per week from the geriatric, adult, and Memory Clinic populations at Butler Hospital. Assistance is available from a neuropsychology resident and a technician. They will also assist with outpatient evaluations every other week.
- Post-Doctoral Seminars: The fellow will participate in the post-doctoral seminars through the Brown University Post Doctoral Training Program. These include a seminar on professional issues, Neuropsychology Rounds, and a neuropsychology seminar reviewing major neurologic disorders. There are opportunities for additional elective training in neuroimaging.

Didactics (10% time)

If the trainee is a first year fellow, he/she will attend the following didactic experiences:

- Brown Psychology Training Core Seminars (1 per month).
- Brown Neuropsychology Track Seminar (1 per week).

All fellows will attend:

- Brown Neuropsychology Rounds (1 per week)
- DPHB Academic Grand Rounds (1 per month)

Supervision and Evaluation

Supervision will be provided in the form of daily individual supervision and monthly group case discussions. At the conclusion and midpoint of the fellowship, the fellow and the supervisors are requested to provide formal evaluations, and evaluations of the program relative to the goals and learning objectives of the fellowship.

Please visit the [Brown Faculty](#) page to view supervisor profiles.

Resource Requirements

Fellow will be provided with the following resources:

- An office shared with the neuropsychology resident
- A personal desktop and/or laptop computer
- Internet access
- Telephone
- Access to Brown University library and database resources

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