



Clinical Student – Adult Neuropsychology for 2018-2019

Location:

4141 E. Dickenson Place, Denver, CO 80222

Contact for student:

Positions filled for 2018/2019 academic year. Please check back in the future!

Required Application Material: Cover letter, CV, and sample report

Application Timeline: Applications will be accepted starting February 1st. The window will remain open until the available slots are filled.

Type of clients served:

The Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) is the largest community mental health center in Colorado, providing services to those with Medicaid, Medicare, no insurance and grant-funded programs that have a serious and persistent mental illness. In recent years, there were 11,500 individuals who received numerous core clinical services and an additional 24,000 were assisted with their mental health issues. A wide variety of services are offered including rehabilitation services, residential treatment, day programs, and outpatient clinics. The Mental Health Center of Denver is committed to a strengths-based, recovery-focused model of service delivery where the people we serve are supported in their efforts to recover from serious mental illness. Services are delivered in a collaborative context on multi-disciplinary treatment teams.

All ages are served at MHCD: child, adolescent, adult, elderly and families. Most adults have a serious and persistent mental illness, are indigent or come to MHCD as homeless individuals. Many have experienced some type of trauma, either as children/adolescents or later as adults. Numerous individuals come to MHCD directly from a psychiatric hospitalization. Many individuals have a dual diagnosis of mental illness and substance abuse.

General Services Provided at MHCD: Individual, group, family therapies; psychological and neuropsychological assessment; case management and intensive case management. MHCD has many unique services such as the Living with HIV/AIDS team, Deaf Counseling Services, Intensive and High Intensive Case Management, Court to Community Services in affiliation with the Denver Crime Control Commission on Court to Community and the Denver Criminal Justice Initiative, GROW (Growth and Recovery Opportunities for Women), multi-cultural outpatient clinic specializing in providing services to Spanish speaking and bilingual children, adolescents and adults, job counseling, and work placement and educational counseling. There is also an outpatient behavioral medicine clinic that provides services to individuals who experience psychological symptoms secondary to their medical conditions.

Pre-Screenings Required: yes Background Check: yes Medical: NA Other: _____

Typical Time Frame for Pre-Screenings: 1-1 ½ hours

Supervision/Training:

The Mental Health Center of Denver is committed to providing excellent clinical supervision to all Mental Health Center of Denver staff including students. This externship will be supervised by a licensed clinical psychologist. Individuals interested in working primarily with child and adolescent clients are encouraged to apply to the separate MHCD Child Psychological Assessment practicum, which is housed in the same department. Individuals interested primarily in psychodiagnostic training with adults are encouraged to apply to the separate MHCD Adult General Psychological Assessment practicum, also housed in the same department.

The Mental Health Center of Denver has the largest in-house training program in a community mental health center in Colorado. All students /volunteers may attend trainings at no cost. Examples of training topics include Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Risk Assessment, and Conceptualizing Cultural Competency.

Culturally diverse populations:

We serve a very culturally diverse population.

Brief Program Description:

This position conducts neuropsychological assessments to address a range of referral questions including cognitive, psychiatric, and behavioral impacts of general medical, neurological, and psychiatric disease; decisional and independent living capacities; impact of medications and illicit substances on cognition and behavior. Individuals with suspected/documentated traumatic brain injuries, dementias, epilepsies, organ failure, brain tumors, autoimmune diseases, chronic psychotic disorders, movement disorders, somatic disorders, substance dependence histories, and non-credible presentations are seen. The student will likely see a range of complex, multifactorial presentations. This is a neuropsychological assessment externship with older adolescent, adult, and geriatric populations ONLY. No neuropsychological assessments with children (<16 years of age) are possible.

Duties of psychology trainee:

This is a neuropsychological assessment externship ONLY. In general, cases will be approached from a biopsychosocial standpoint. Students will be responsible for clinical interviewing, test administration, scoring and interpretation of test results, and writing the integrated report. They will then give feedback, including treatment recommendations, to the referring parties and the client. The student will progress through the above duties in an incremental fashion with initially more close supervision and guidance. Weekly two to three hour group supervision and as needed individual supervision is provided.

Aim of skill development includes: Appropriate battery development, test administration, clinical interviewing, coordination with providers, medical record review, scoring, report writing, and providing feedback to clients and collaterals, primary providers, as well as coordinate, as needed, with involved systems of care (i.e., outside medical or psychological providers).

Title and Hours required:

Doctoral student in clinical or counseling psychology, about 20+ hours/wk, 12+ month commitment. We prefer a start date in July 2018, but this is somewhat flexible. There is no pay for this training position.

Other qualifications needed by psychology trainee:

Excellent verbal and written communication skills
High level of professionalism
Critical and flexible thinker
Self-starter who shows initiative
Excellent time management and organizational skills
Comfortable working in both a team environment and also independently
Training and/or experience with integrative report writing is preferred
Good computer skills

Minimum Qualifications and # of openings:

1 to 2 openings for 3rd year or beyond doctoral student OR those who have completed all program requirements for assessment coursework and have prior experience with neuropsychological testing. Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest in a path towards internship and fellowship training in neuropsychology. Must have good interviewing, test administration, and report writing skills. We are specifically looking for applicants who are both flexible and eager. Applicants must provide a sample report and CV to Dr. Dunham via e-mail.

For students offered a position, please follow the directions specified on the website at www.mhcd.org under the "Careers" link. Follow the link to Student Placements and then scroll down to the appropriate externship.

Student Supervisor's Credential Level:

PsyD/PhD, 2-year fellowship trained in neuropsychology