

MICHAEL E. DEBAKEY VA MEDICAL CENTER

POSTDOCTORAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

2022-2024 TRAINING YEAR



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The clinical neuropsychology residency at the MEDVAMC is part of a larger psychology program committed to training future psychologists in a rich, interdisciplinary, multicultural environment. Within the neuropsychology residency, residents create an individualized training plan designed to:

- 1) prepare them for successful independent practice as a clinical neuropsychologist and
- 2) subsequently achieve ABPP board certification.

Training consists of major rotations in Neurology, Rehabilitation/Polytrauma, General Neuropsychology, and Inpatient Consultation Liaison. Other training opportunities include organized didactics, program development, research mentorship, tiered supervision, and minor psychotherapy rotations (e.g., spinal cord injury, pain management).

In addition, residents can take advantage of many opportunities for shadowing other disciplines and observing / assisting in procedures conducted throughout MEDVAMC, such as WADA and brain cuttings.

TRAINING MODEL

Scientist-practitioner model of training.

Approximately 80% of the time, residents engage in clinical services and at least 20% is protected for didactics and research.

Residents attend weekly postdoctoral seminars, bi-weekly neuropsychology case conferences, bi-weekly research meetings, ABPP preparation journal clubs, and other neuropsychology didactics.

The program is a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) and will participate in the 2022 match.

TRAINING GOALS

This residency 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 through ABPP

To meet these goals, clinical neuropsychology residents will participate in training opportunities that offer the necessary breadth to ensure advanced competency as a professional psychologist and depth to ensure the technical expertise and proficiency required of specialists in clinical neuropsychology. Residents are also given the opportunity to specifically prepare for the ABPP examination through bi-weekly study groups and formal practice oral examinations.

In keeping with the spirit of the Houston Conference Guidelines, it is understood that incoming residents 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 resident's needs. An in-depth clinical neuroscience course is provided through Baylor College of Medicine, for which the resident is provided ample protected time.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Access a wide array of diverse patient populations

Collaborate as an integral member on interdisciplinary teams

Supervise interns and externs within a tiered supervision model

Author peer-reviewed publications

Initiate program development projects

Gain unique leadership experience as a second-year Chief Administrative Resident or Chief Research Resident

Become part of a rapidly expanding network of MEDVAMC-trained neuropsychologists

BENEFITS

A stipend of **\$53,275** for the first year and **\$56,154** for the second year. The cost of living in Houston is low compared to other major cities, with a plethora of food, sport, and cultural events.

A comprehensive benefits package including:

- Sick and annual leave accrual totaling 26 days annually
- 10 federal holidays
- Reasonably priced medical and dental insurance
- Up to 7 days of authorized absence for professional conferences and approved educational activities annually

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website for more information regarding our neuropsychology residency training opportunities at: <https://www.va.gov/houston-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/psychology-internship-and-postdoctoral-residency>.

Potential applicants may also contact the Chief Administrative Resident, Dr. Tabina Choudhury, at Tabina.Choudhury@va.gov for more information.

**This program is accredited as a specialty practice residency in clinical neuropsychology by the
APA Program Consultation and Accreditation**

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