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Dear Residency Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. Please note that we have two open positions for 2020, one in the adult track and one in the pediatric track, typically beginning in August. Below, you will find a program description and an application form. We need to receive your letter of interest, completed application form, current CV, graduate transcript, two work samples, and three letters of recommendation by **December 15, 2019**.

As a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN), NorthShore adheres to APPCN Match policies and dates. For the current selection process, deadline for ranking candidates and programs is February 12, 2020; candidates will be notified of their placement on the designated Match Notification Day, which is February 19, 2020.

We receive many more applicants for our single position than can be interviewed. Therefore, we do not interview all applicants. Instead, interviews are arranged only for top applicants. Subsequent to program staff review of applications and supporting materials, a decision will be made with regard to which candidates will be invited to interview. Interviews will take place at the annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) meeting in Denver, CO. Interviewees who are local and prefer to interview on site in Evanston, IL are welcome to do so, but an on-site interview is not required, nor will it be weighted differently. If necessary, as an alternative to traveling, a telephone interview can be arranged.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to reviewing your application materials.

Sincerely,

Leslie Guidotti Breting, Ph.D., ABPP-CN and Elizabeth Heideman, Ph.D., ABPP-CN  
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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**  
**Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology**

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
NORTHSHORE UNIVERSITY HEALTHSYSTEM  
Program Code #9841 (adult) and 9842(pediatric)

There are currently two open Postdoctoral Residency positions in clinical neuropsychology (one adult and one pediatrics) within the Neuropsychology Service of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at NorthShore University HealthSystem (formerly Evanston Northwestern Healthcare), which includes Evanston Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, Highland Park Hospital, Skokie Hospital, Research Institute, Medical Group, and Foundation. NorthShore hospitals and professional staff are affiliated with the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Consistent with the guidelines and goals of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN), the Residency is two years in length. The program strives to maintain a balance of clinical service, research, and education; the Resident's weekly hours are divided roughly into 80% clinical service, 10% clinical research, and 10% educational activities. In order to keep these components in proportion, it is expected that the Resident will work more than 40 hours weekly.

Currently, clinical experiences are primarily in assessment and consultation. Within the adult track, patient populations include young to elderly adults, diverse psychiatric outpatients, diverse neurological outpatients, including head injury, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, and various other brain disorders and psychiatric conditions. Forensic neuropsychological evaluations related to civil litigation constitute a portion of the referrals in which the Resident participates. Within the pediatric track, patient populations include preschool, school aged, and young adults with diverse neurodevelopmental, neurological, and psychiatric concerns including Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), autism, learning disabilities, epilepsy, and head injury. Forensic neuropsychological evaluations and participation in a variety of school based services (e.g., observations, IEP meetings) also constitute a portion of the referrals in which the Resident participates.

Referral sources for the adult and pediatric neuropsychologists within the Neuropsychology Service include pediatricians, neurologists, psychiatrists, neurosurgeons, internists, physiatrists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, attorneys, insurance carriers, psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, educational specialists, and families. Didactic opportunities include attendance at Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Department of Neurology Grand Rounds, group case discussion sessions, brain cutting didactics, and an optional neuroanatomy mini-course at Marquette University.

The Postdoctoral Resident receives at least two hours of supervision weekly. Clinical and research activities are supervised primarily by Leslie Guidotti Breting, Ph.D., ABPP and Elizabeth Geary, Ph.D., ABPP for the adult track and by Elizabeth Heideman, Ph.D., ABPP and Alex Kirsch, Ph.D. for the pediatric track.

**Dr. Jerry Sweet** is the Director of the Neuropsychology Service, Head of the Psychology Division, and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology and Divisions 12 and 40 of APA. Dr. Sweet has published extensively in the areas of clinical neuropsychology and clinical psychology, including forensic practice, as well as professional issues pertaining to clinical psychology in medical settings. He has trained neuropsychologists and clinical psychologists at various Chicago area institutions since 1979.

**Dr. Laura Benson** is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2016, following completion of her residency here at NorthShore. Her practice is in Gurnee and at Glenbrook Hospital, consisting of outpatients with various neurological and psychiatric concerns, as well as inpatient consults at Glenbrook Hospital.

**Dr. Elizabeth Geary** is a board-certified adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service from private practice in 2013. Her practice is in Evanston and at Glenbrook Hospital, consisting of outpatient outpatients with various neurological and/or psychiatric concerns, as well as inpatient consults at Evanston Hospital.

**Dr. Leslie Guidotti Breting** is a board-certified adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2012, following completion of her residency here at NorthShore. Her practice is in Evanston, and consists of outpatients with various neurological and/or psychiatric concerns, as well as inpatient consults, intra-operative language mapping, and Wada testing at Evanston Hospital. Dr. Guidotti Breting specializes in epilepsy evaluations.

**Dr. Elizabeth Heideman** is a board-certified pediatric neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2013, after completing her residency at Boston Children's Hospital. Her practice is in Evanston, consisting primarily of outpatient evaluations of children and adolescents (ages 3 to 18) with various neurological and/or psychiatric difficulties, and includes school-based observations and interdisciplinary school meetings.

**Dr. Alexandra Kirsch** is a pediatric neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2019, after completing residence at the Mayo Clinic. Her practice is in Evanston and Glenview, consisting of outpatient evaluations of children and adolescents with various neurological, learning, and psychiatric concerns. Dr. Kirsch also specializes in autism spectrum disorder.

**Dr. Alona Ramati** is a board-certified adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2009, following completion of her residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her practice is located within the NorthShore Neurological Institute at Glenbrook Hospital. Dr. Ramati sees adult and older adult patients presenting with a variety of medical, neurological, and psychiatric concerns.

In addition to clinical training, professional and practice issues are covered in supervision, neuropsychology case conferences, and Neuropsychology Service business meetings involving all NorthShore neuropsychology staff, the Resident will have the opportunity to supervise psychology graduate students, who are selected for a one-year assessment practicum at NorthShore, as well as the opportunity to lecture to medical students from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. There are currently six adult and two pediatric practicum students.

At present, the stipend for the Postdoctoral Resident is approximately \$41,000. The position includes all standard benefits offered to full-time salaried employees of NorthShore University HealthSystem, including standard health insurance options, 15 vacation days annually, customary legal holidays, and sick days.

Several important outcomes are expected as a result of the 2-year Residency, including that the Resident will: a) take the Psychology Licensing Exam (EPPP) during year 2 of the Residency; b) be capable of being employed as a neuropsychologist in a broad range of settings (ranging from private practice to university hospitals); and c) be prepared for board certification by being able to pass the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. Additionally, it is expected that the Resident will be involved in professional presentations, such as research posters, at regional or national neuropsychology meetings during the residency. Finally, it is anticipated that each Resident will co-author one or more research publications or book chapters by the end of the Residency. However, the degree to which the Resident is involved in research and writing is largely determined by their interest level.

Related to the inclusion of scholarly activities during Residency, there is some flexibility, based on the Resident's goals and wishes to have minimal or more than minimal involvement in research activities. Below is a list of examples of Resident collaboration in conference presentations and publications over the years (Resident names are bolded):

Sweet, J. J., Lee, C., Guidotti Breting, L. M., & Benson, L. M. (in press). Gender in clinical neuropsychology: Practice survey trends and comparisons outside the specialty. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* (2018 Special Issue). Advance online publication doi: 10.1080/13854046.2017.1365932

Sweet, J. J., & Benson, L. M. (2016). Traumatic brain injury in a forensic context. In F. S. Zollman (Ed.), *Manual of Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessment and Management, Second Edition*. New York, NY: Demos Medical Publishing.

Sweet, J. J., Benson, L. M., Nelson, N. W., & Moberg, P. J. (2015). The American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, National Academy of Neuropsychology, and Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (APA Division 40) 2015 *TCN* professional practice and 'Salary Survey.' *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 29(8), 1069-1162.

Sweet, J. J., Goldman, D. J., and Guidotti Breting, L. M. (in press). Evidence-based practice in clinical neuropsychology. In J. E. Morgan & J. H. Ricker (Eds.), *Textbook of Clinical Neuropsychology* (2nd ed.). New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.

Sweet, J. J. & Goldman, D. J. (2015). Forensic Neuropsychology: Annual Review. In S. Koffler, J. Morgan, B. Marcopulos, & M. F. Greiffenstein (Eds.), *Neuropsychology: A Review of Science and Practice* (Vol. 2). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Sweet, J. J., Goldman, D. J., & Guidotti Breting, L. M. (2013). Traumatic brain injury: Guidance in a forensic context from outcome, dose-response, and response bias research. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 31, 756-778 (Special Issue).

Guidotti Breting, L. M., & Sweet, J. J. (2013). Freestanding cognitive symptom validity tests: Use and selection in mild traumatic brain injury. In D. A. Carone & S. S. Bush (Eds.), *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Symptom Validity Assessment and Malingering*. New York: Springer Publishing Company.

Sweet, J. J., Perry, W., Ruff, R. M., Shear, P. K., & Guidotti Breting, L. M. (2012). The Inter-Organizational Summit on Education and Training (ISET) 2010 Survey on the influence of the Houston Conference Training Guidelines. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 26(7), 1055–1076. [Published simultaneously in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 27(7), 796-812]

Sweet, J. J., Tavian, S., Guidotti Breting, L. M., & Suchy, Y. (2013). Psychological assessment in medical settings. In I. Weiner (Ed. in Chief) *Handbook of Psychology. Second Edition* J. Graham, & J. Naglieri (Eds.), *Volume 10. Assessment psychology*. New York: Wiley & Sons.

Elhai, J., Sweet, J. J., Guidotti Breting, L. M., & Kaloupek, D. (2012). Assessment of PTSD and mTBI in contexts that threaten response validity. In J. Vasterling, R. Bryant, & T. Keane (Eds.), *PTSD and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*. New York: Guilford Press.

Programs, such as NorthShore University HealthSystem, belonging to the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology endorse the [Guidelines for Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Neuropsychology](#) formulated by the International Neuropsychological Society and by APA Division 40.

Selection of the candidate for this position will be announced on APPCN Match Notification Day on February 19, 2020. In order to be considered for the Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at NorthShore University HealthSystem, candidates should submit all of the following items by **December 15, 2019**:

- (1) Cover letter detailing professional interests
- (2) Completed application form (separate form included at the end of this document)
- (3) Current CV
- (4) Graduate transcript

- (5) Two work samples
- (6) Three letters of recommendation

Application materials should be submitted via email to: [npfellowship@northshore.org](mailto:npfellowship@northshore.org)  
Please specify adult or pediatric.

Inquiries can be e-mailed [npfellowship@northshore.org](mailto:npfellowship@northshore.org). Due to the large amount of time already devoted to the Resident selection process by our staff, please do not telephone our staff unless absolutely necessary. Most general information concerning the program and desirable characteristics of Residency candidates can be found within this program description.

Thank you for your interest in our Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology. We look forward to reviewing your application materials.

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**Application for Postdoctoral Residency**  
**in Clinical Neuropsychology**

*APPCN Program Code Number: 9841 (adult) and 9842 (pediatric)*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

**FIVE DIGIT NATIONAL MATCHING SERVICE APPLICANT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT WORK ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/P.O. Box Number Unit Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip Code

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BUSINESS PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Area Code

**CURRENT HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street/P.O. Box Number Unit Number  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip Code

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC HISTORY:**

Institution	Specialty	Degree Awarded	Year Awarded
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**Thesis Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dissertation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology, completion of the doctoral dissertation is a prerequisite for acceptance into the NorthShore University HealthSystem program. **If needed, can written assurance be provided regarding your dissertation being complete before beginning the fellowship?**

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate pediatric \_\_\_\_\_ or adult \_\_\_\_\_ track with an X.