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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 2022, one in the adult track and one in the pediatric track. 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, 2021**.

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 9, 2022; candidates will be notified of their placement on the designated Match Notification Day, which is February 16, 2022.

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 largely take place virtually before the annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) meeting. Interviewees who 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.

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

Sincerely,

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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 pediatric) within the Neuropsychology Service of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at NorthShore University HealthSystem. NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) is an integrated healthcare delivery system consistently ranked as a Top 15 Teaching Hospital in the U.S. The NorthShore system, headquartered in Evanston, IL, includes six award-winning hospitals – Evanston, Glenbrook, Highland Park, Northwest Community, Skokie, and Swedish. NorthShore is committed to excellence in its academic mission and supports teaching and research as the principal teaching affiliate of the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Consistent with the guidelines and goals of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) and the Houston Conference guidelines, 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.

Mission Statement: The residency in clinical neuropsychology at NorthShore University HealthSystem (affiliated with the University of Chicago) provides advanced training and supervision in the clinical application of scientific knowledge of normal and abnormal brain function and behavior, across the life span, to postdoctoral psychologists. The program includes didactic and practical experiences in assessment and intervention that are consistent with the policy statement of the Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. Its aim is to develop in psychologists the clinical competencies that enable them to qualify for certification in clinical neuropsychology by the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology (ABCN/ABPP).

Currently, clinical experiences are primarily in assessment and consultation. Within the adult track, patient populations include young to elderly adults, diverse psychiatric and neurological outpatients, including traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, and various other brain disorders and psychiatric conditions. Additional opportunities include performing the Wada test and involvement in intraoperative language mapping during brain surgery. 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. 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 Alexandra Kirsch, Ph.D., and Navya Kamath, Psy.D., for the pediatric track.

Dr. Leslie Guidotti Breting is the director of the neuropsychology service and head of the psychology division, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. She 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. Guidotti Breting is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology (ABCN) and is chair of the AACN Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. Jenna Axelrod is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the neuropsychology service in 2021, following completion of her residency at the University of Southern California. Her practice is in Evanston, consisting of outpatients with various neurological and psychiatric concerns.

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 Deerfield, consisting of outpatients with various neurological and psychiatric concerns.

Dr. Elizabeth Geary is a board-certified adult neuropsychologist who joined the neuropsychology service from private practice in 2013. After completing her residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at the University of Illinois-Chicago in 2009, Dr. Geary completed a second clinical-research fellowship within the Department of Neurology at the University of Illinois-Chicago is functional neuroimaging in traumatic brain injury and ALS. Her practice is in Evanston and at Glenbrook Hospital, consisting of outpatient outpatients with various neurological, medical, and psychiatric concerns.

Dr. Navya Kamath is a pediatric neuropsychologist who joined the neuropsychology service in 2021, after completing residency at Indiana University School of Medicine. Her practice is in Evanston, consisting of outpatient evaluations of children and adolescents with various neurological, learning, and psychiatric concerns.

Dr. Alexandra Kirsch is a pediatric neuropsychologist who joined the neuropsychology service in 2019, after completing residency at the Mayo Clinic. Her practice is in Evanston, 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 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 four pediatric practicum students.

The stipend for the postdoctoral resident is approximately \$46,000-\$50,000. 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):

Lebersfeld, J. B. & Kirsch, A.C. (2022, Feb). Attention and executive functions in a clinical sample of children, adolescents, and young adults with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and mood disorders. Poster will be presented at the International Neuropsychological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Hizel L.P., Lebersfeld, J.B., Geary, E., Guidotti Breting, L., & Kirsch, A.C. (May, 2021). Effective return to in-person neuropsychological examinations during COVID-19 by the numbers. Poster presented virtually at the 19th Annual American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Conference.

Lebersfeld, J. B. & Kirsch, A.C. (2021, May). Evaluating self-report measures for autism spectrum disorder in a clinic sample of referred young adults and older adolescents: a pilot study. Poster presented virtually at the 19th Annual American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Conference.

Laique A., Gandelman, E., Messerlie, A., **Hizel, L.,** Geary, E., & Guidotti Breting, L. (May, 2021). Man vs. Machine: Performance on the Administration Method of the Wisconsin Card-Sorting Test in Stressed Individuals. Poster presented virtually at the 19th Annual American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Conference.

Laique A., Khan, H., **Hizel, L.,** Geary, E., Guidotti Breting, L., & Sweet J. J. (2021, November). Sorry, I Wasn't Paying Attention. The Moderating Role of Auditory Attention on the Relationship Between Age and Verbal Learning. Poster presented virtually at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference.

Nelson, N.W., Sweet, J.J., **Klipfel, K.M.,** & Moberg, P.J. (2021). Clinical neuropsychology in Canada: Results from the 2020 AACN, NAN, SCN professional practice and 'salary survey.' *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 1-27.

Sweet, J.J., **Klipfel, K.M.,** Nelson, N.W., & Moberg, P.J. (2021). Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of U.S. neuropsychologists: The AACN, NAN, SCN 2020 practice and 'salary survey.' *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 35, 7-80.

Sweet, J.J., **Klipfel, K. M.,** Nelson, N.W., & Moberg, P.J. (2021). Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of postdoctoral trainees: The AACN, NAN, SCN 2020 practice and 'salary survey.' *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 36, 1-16.

Sweet, J.J., **Klipfel, K.M.,** & Benson L. (2021). Traumatic brain injury in a forensic context. In F.S. Zollman (Ed.). *Manual of traumatic brain injury: Assessment and management*. (3rd edition). Springer Publishing Company.

Sweet, J.J., **Klipfel, K.M.** (2021). A forensic primer: Information that the non-forensic neuropsychologist needs to know when clinical cases turn forensic. In Schroeder, R.W. & Martin, P.K. (Eds.). *Neuropsychological Validity Assessment in Non-Forensic Clinical Practice*.

- Klipfel, K. M.**, Sweet, J.J., Nelson, N.W., & Moberg, P.J. (Manuscript under review). Gender and ethnic/racial diversity in clinical neuropsychology: Updates from the AACN, NAN, SCN 2020 practice and 'salary survey.'
- Sweet, J. J., **Lee, C.**, Guidotti Breting, L. M., & Benson, L. M. (2018). Gender in clinical neuropsychology: Practice survey trends and comparisons outside the specialty. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*. 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.
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- 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 16, 2022. 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, 2021**:

- (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
Please specify adult or pediatric.

Inquiries can be e-mailed npfellowship@northshore.org.

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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

Institution Specialty Degree Awarded Year Awarded

Institution Specialty Degree Awarded Year Awarded

Institution Specialty Degree Awarded Year Awarded

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.