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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 our open position this year is in the adult track. Enclosed you will find a program description and an application. We need to receive your letter of interest, completed application form, transcripts, work samples, and three letters of recommendation by January 29, 2010. As an APPCN program, candidates will be notified on the designated match notification day, which for this selection process is March 8, 2010.

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. We receive 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. As a convenience to candidates, interviewing for APPCN programs *normally* takes place at the annual International Neuropsychology Society meeting. However, this year's North American INS meeting location is in Mexico, and we have elected not to have interviews at the INS meeting in Mexico. Interviewing for our 2010 position will take place in Evanston, most likely in January and February. If necessary, as an alternative to traveling to Evanston, telephone interviews can be arranged.

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 #9842

At the present time there is one Postdoctoral Residency position in adult clinical neuropsychology within the Neuropsychology Service of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of 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, the Residency is 2 years in length. The program strives to maintain a balance of clinical service, research, and education during the Residency. 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 in the adult track focus primarily on assessment and consultation. Observation of cognitive retraining is also available as part of the Resident's experience. 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 residents participate.

Referral sources of 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. Observations of specific biomedical tests, such as computerized tomography, structural and functional magnetic resonance imaging, cerebral blood flow studies, electroencephalography, evoked potentials, electromyography, etc., are available. Further, observation of neurosurgery, as well as participation in specialized neuropsychological diagnostic procedures, such as pre-post CSF drain testing related to hydrocephalus, is also available. Didactic experiences include attendance at a joint neuroscience case conference, Department of Psychiatry grand rounds, multidisciplinary staffings, and neuroanatomy class.

Postdoctoral Residents receive at least two hours of supervision weekly. Clinical and research activities are supervised primarily by Jerry Sweet, Ph.D. in the adult track. Additionally, Aaron Malina, Ph.D. provides some supervision.

Dr. Sweet is the Director of the Neuropsychology Service, Head of the Psychology Division, and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is board certified in clinical neuropsychology and clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology and 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, 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. Mercury is a former postdoctoral resident who joined the staff upon completing an adult residency in 1997. He is integrated into the neurology services located at Glenbrook Hospital and is actively involved with geriatric patients, particularly those with movement disorders or memory disorders.. As a former school psychologist, Dr. Mercury also evaluates educational problems of high school students. Dr. Malina is board certified in clinical neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. He joined the program in 2000 and sees inpatients at Evanston Hospital, as well as outpatients. His practice includes geriatric, general medical, rehabilitation, forensic, and chronically mentally ill patients. Dr. Karen Lim Kane is a pediatric neuropsychologist whose practice consists primarily of outpatient evaluations of children and adolescents between the ages of 3 and 17. Dr. Lim's practice includes school-based observations and interdisciplinary school meetings. Dr. Lale Bilginer, also a pediatric clinical neuropsychologist and joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2008. Dr. Bilginer was formerly at Rusk Institute for Rehabilitation in New York City. Dr. Alona Ramati is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service in 2009, immediately following the completion of her residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is located within the neurology services located at Glenbrook Hospital.

Additional contacts with other adult and pediatric neuropsychologists from the community occur via select training experiences and in the weekly neuropsychology case conference. In addition to clinical training, professional and practice issues are covered in the neuropsychology case conference and in supervision. During the course of the residency, there will be opportunity to supervise psychology graduate students, who are rotating through practica, and opportunity to lecture to medical students. The stipend for the Postdoctoral Resident is expected to be approximately \$36,000 in the first year, increasing approximately 3% in October of the second year. The position includes all standard benefits offered to full-time salaried employees of NorthShore University HealthSystem, including the standard health insurance options, 15 vacation days annually, customary legal holidays, and personal days. Time off for attendance at the annual meeting of the Midwest Neuropsychology Group is also provided, along with a \$100 travel stipend for this meeting when not held in the Chicago area.

Several important outcomes are expected as a result of the two year Residency, including that residents will: a) take the Psychology Licensing Exam (EPPP) during year two 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) become board certified by being able to pass the A.B.P.P. examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. Additionally, it is expected that Residents will be involved in multiple professional presentations pertaining to neuropsychology at regional or national meetings during the residency. Finally, it is anticipated that each Resident will co-author one or more research publications by the end of the two year Residency.

Related to the inclusion of scholarly activities during Residency, there is some flexibility, based on the Resident's motivation to have 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., & **Guiffre-Meyer**, D. (in press). Well documented, serious brain dysfunction followed by malingering. In J. Morgan, I. S. Baron, & J. Ricker (Eds.) *Casebook of clinical neuropsychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Guiffre Meyer**, D.E., & Sweet, J.J. (2009, June). *Discriminating attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder from other psychiatric conditions with standard measures of attention*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA.
- Lamberty, G.J., **Nelson**, N.W., Brogger, M.L., Henriksen, C.A., **Condit**, D., & Sweet, J.J. (2008, June). *Further examination of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale in secondary and non-secondary gain samples*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Boston, MA.
- Sweet, J., **Condit**, D., & **Nelson**, N. (2008). Feigned amnesia and memory loss. In R. Rogers (Ed.) *Clinical assessment of malingering and deception. 3rd Edition*. New York: Guilford Press.
- Condit**, D.C., & Sweet, J.J. (2008, June). *New experimental indices for the Test of Memory Malingering: Consistency, Forgetting, and Implausible Forgetting*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Boston, MA.
- Sweet, J., **Ecklund-Johnson**, E., & Malina, A. (2008). Overview of forensic neuropsychology. In J. Morgan & J. Ricker (Eds.) *Textbook of clinical neuropsychology*. New York: Taylor & Francis.
- Nelson**, N., Sweet, J., & Heilbronner, R. (2007). Examination of the new MMPI-2 Response Bias Scale (Gervais): Relationship with MMPI-2 validity scales. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 29, 67-72.
- Sweet, J., **Nelson**, N., & Moberg, P. (2006). The TCN/AACN "Salary Survey": Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of U.S. neuropsychologists. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 325-364.
- Bergman**, M., Smart, C., & Sweet, J. (2005, June) *Differential prediction of Alzheimer's dementia and vascular dementia using the Behavioral Dyscontrol Scale and the Mattis Dementia Rating Scale*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Minneapolis, MN.
- Ecklund-Johnson**, E., Miller, S. A., & Sweet, J. J. (2004). Confirmatory factor analysis of the Behavioral Dyscontrol Scale in a mixed clinical sample. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 18, 395-410.
- Demakis, G., **Mercury**, M., & Sweet, J. (2000). Screening for cognitive impairments in primary care settings. In M. Maruish (Ed.) *Handbook of psychological assessment in primary care settings*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Selection of the candidate for this position will be announced on APPCN match notification day, which is March 8, 2010. In order to complete an application for the NorthShore University HealthSystem program, candidates should submit all of the following items by January 29:

- (1) cover letter detailing professional interests
- (2) completed application form (separate downloadable form)
- (3) current CV
- (4) graduate transcript
- (5) two work samples
- (6) three letters of recommendation

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 Division 40 of APA.

Application materials should be submitted to:

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Inquiries can be mailed to the above address, e-mailed to Dr. Sweet at jerrysweet@uchicago.edu or faxed to (847) 425-6408. 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 fellowship candidates can be found within this downloadable program description.

Thank you for your interest in our Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology.