

Training

Butler Hospital is a rotation site for the Alpert Medical School of Brown University Clinical Psychology Training Consortium. Please see the training website for more information about available positions: https://clinical-psychology.med.brown.edu/.

We also take practicum students from local schools for clinical placements; please see description below.

Title: Practicum in Neuropsychology (Adult or Adolescent focus)

Site: Butler Hospital

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Meghan Collier, PhD., Neuropsychologist

Description of Site

The Neuropsychology Practicum is located at Butler Hospital. Founded in 1844, Butler is Rhode Island's only private, non-profit psychiatric hospital for adolescents, adults, and seniors. Butler Hospital is affiliated with Alpert Medical School of Brown University and is the flagship for its Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior (DPHB).

In addition to its core mental health services, Butler has specialty inpatient units for seniors, adolescents, and substance abuse, as well as partial hospital programs focusing on young adults, women's mental health, and substance abuse. Butler also houses a number of outpatient services, including a multidisciplinary Memory and Aging Program, a Psychiatric Neurosurgery Program, and a Movement Disorders clinic. The Butler Neuropsychology Practicum has two tracks; one focuses on adult patients, the other focuses on adolescents.









Clinical Experience

Adult Focus Practicum

Experiences are provided in adult neuropsychology primarily in the context of outpatient neuropsychology clinics. Trainees will be provided with broad clinical training in the area of clinical neuropsychology, with special emphasis on dementia, movement disorders, mild head trauma, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, and other neuropsychiatric conditions. Trainees will be expected to participate in one to two neuropsychological assessment(s) per week with an emphasis on standardized and efficient administration, and report writing and conceptualization.

For more advanced students, there is an option to conduct brief neuropsychological consultations in the inpatient and partial hospital units, and pre- and post-surgical evaluations of patients undergoing surgery for treatment-resistant OCD. Trainees have the opportunity to participate in weekly Diagnosis Consensus Conference for the Memory and Aging Program, during which laboratory, neuroimaging, neurologic, and genetic findings are integrated in an interactive format. Individual supervision will be provided by Drs. Lee, McLaughlin, Thompson Castelluccio, and/or Collier. Trainees placed with Dr. McLaughlin may have the experience of occasional child or adolescent outpatient cases.

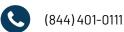
Adolescent Focus Practicum

Experiences are provided in child and adolescent neuropsychology primarily in the context of Butler's Inpatient Adolescent Unit. Trainees will be provided with broad clinical training in the area of clinical neuropsychology, with special emphasis on the intersection of neuropsychology and psychology. Presenting concerns include executive dyscontrol, ADHD, autism, OCD, psychosis, mania, trauma, and other neuropsychiatric conditions. Trainees will be expected to participate in one to two neuropsychological assessment(s) per week with an emphasis on standardized and efficient administration, and report writing and conceptualization.

For more advanced students, there is an option to participate in research using clinical data. Trainees have the opportunity to participate in hospital-based didactics. Group and individual supervision will be provided by Dr. Holler.

Timeline

- The practicum position is 8-24 hours/week, depending on the student's level of experience.
- 5-7 trainees are typically recruited each year.
- The duration of the practicum is 12 months.
- The anticipated start date is in July each year, but the exact start/end date is negotiable.









Didactics

The trainee may attend monthly DPHB psychiatric grand rounds at Butler Hospital.

Supervision

Weekly individual supervision will be provided by a licensed doctoral level neuropsychologist. Tiered supervision models may be used in which advanced predoctoral interns or post-doctoral fellows provide initial supervision with final supervision provided by the licensed neuropsychologist. The supervision is regularly scheduled and relevant to the trainee's professional development. The trainee will receive at minimum two hours of structured learning activities per week, at least one hour of which will include individual, face-to-face supervision. Written feedback is also provided on consultation reports. Dr. McLaughlin will maintain overall responsibility for all supervision, including oversight and integration of supervision provided by other professionals.

Application

Submit a cover letter and a copy of CV to Dr. Lee, Athene_lee@brown.edu, by Jan. 9, 2023 (1/9/2023). Qualified candidates will be invited for an interview with site supervisors. Letters of recommendation from faculty or training director will be requested as needed after interview. Please contact Dr. Lee for any questions.





