



Neuropsychology Service, 1100 Alabama Avenue, SE DC 20036 (202) 299-5294

Externship @ St. Elizabeth's Neuropsychology Service

Thank you for your interest in this externship. Please see below for a description and requirements:

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- Clinical Neuropsychology
- 80% Neuropsychological assessment of forensic and non-forensic psychiatric inpatients (and possible some outpatients) with supervision by a board certified clinical neuropsychologist and weekly case conferences supervised by Sid Binks, PhD, ABPP-CN
- 20% Neuropsychological Remediation treatment of same inpatients as above supervised by Amanda Giordano, PsyD
- Opportunities for consultation with a boarded neurologist and shadowing/teaching neurology residents
- Research opportunities
- 4 Externs, 16 hours/12 months (beginning July 1st w/ mandatory 1 wk. of training in May or June)
- Preference given to individuals with significant prior testing experience and course work in neuropsychology.
- Required: finger printing, criminal background check, brief physical and COVID-19 vaccination (the latter two can be done for free here at the hospital during orientation).
- Mandatory Thursday 9am group supervision (this can be moved if ALL externs agree)

More specifically, this is a Clinical Neuropsychology externship at the St. Elizabeths Hospital Neuropsychology Service for DC's Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). This is an advanced training opportunity to learn about **neurological illnesses** within the context of **severe mental illness (SMI)**, and, is also an opportunity to gain significant **cultural competencies** and exposure to criminal **forensic** matters. The impact of poor quality of education, neuropsychiatric medication side effects and effort problems on testing data is explored as well. Supervision is conducted by two Neuropsychologists. Patients present with a full range of psychiatric diagnoses. Half of the patients are from Forensic Services (inpatient) and are either here for evaluation as to their Competency to Stand Trial, or, have been found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity for a crime due to a mental illness which, at the time of the offense, rendered them unable to appreciate the consequences of their behavior and/or unable to conform their behavior to the requirements of the law. Many of these patients present with significant neurocognitive symptoms. The other half are non-forensic psychiatric inpatients. Opportunity to conduct full neuropsychological testing batteries including state of the art testing instruments. Possibility for **research opportunities** – 3 dissertations have been accomplished using our patient neuropsychological data. In-service trainings (e.g., EEG and imaging) are provided by our neurologist and a weekly group supervision/case conference which includes readings on neuropsychology of mental illness is offered. Opportunity to observe expert psychological testimony in court. Minimum 16 hours/week, 12 months, July 1st – June 30th. Mandatory meeting on Thursdays at 9am (only flexible if all externs agree to a different time).

This advanced site is only for students who have substantial prior testing experience and preferably neuropsychological testing experience...and an academic introduction to neuropsychology! It is a year-long externship with strict July 1st start date. **HOWEVER**, there is a week of mandatory hospital orientation training that **MUST** be completed prior to July 1st and can be taken anytime in May or June (it starts anew every other week – some of it can be completed online).

In **ONE** scanned file, send materials to sidney.binks@dc.gov :

- Cover Letter
- CV
- Unofficial transcript
- 2 sample evaluations
- Two letters of recommendation should be emailed directly from their authors.

Application Deadline: Rolling deadline with interviews in February/Early March (the sooner the better).
Please assume your application has been received if you don't hear from us before February 15th! 😊

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid Binks", written over a horizontal line.

Sid Binks, PhD, ABPP-CN

Board Certified Clinical Neuropsychologist
