Corewell Health West Medical Group
Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

2027-2029 Program Brochure

Application Due Date: 12/11/2026
Send Materials to: NeuropsychologyFellowship@Corewellhealth.org

Grand Rapids, Michigan

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at Corewell Health provides a two-year training experience consistent with the guidelines of the Houston Conference on Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. As the field is developing and transitioning to the Minnesota Conference Guidelines, our site plans to adapt these guidelines with additional communication from APPCN regarding implementation. The Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program satisfies the necessary training and preparation for Fellows to be eligible for ABPP Board Certification in Clinical Neuropsychology, and the program has been approved by the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) since 2014.

The fellowship program in Clinical Neuropsychology is designed to help Fellows become well-rounded, ethical, licensure-ready clinicians with advanced specialty competencies in clinical neuropsychology. Upon successful completion of training, all Neuropsychology

Fellows will have met the postdoctoral supervised experience requirements for licensure in the state of Michigan, as well as the requirements to pursue ABPP board certification in Clinical Neuropsychology.

Year one of the program allows Fellows to meet the licensure requirements established by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs–Michigan Board of Psychology. Year two is designed to (a) complete the training necessary to meet eligibility requirements for ABPP board certification in Clinical Neuropsychology and (b) further develop both general and focused competencies, depending on the Fellow's interests and training needs.

Our two-year, full-time fellowship program meets the Houston Conference Guidelines in the following ways:

- There are 12 Neuropsychologists on staff, and 7 are Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology through ABPP.

- Training is provided at a central location, with onsite supervision. Additional training experiences are offered in close proximity to the Neuropsychology Clinic. Nearly all training occurs within the physical structures of Corewell Health (within the academic medical center).

- There is access to clinical services and training programs in medical specialties and allied professions (Corewell Health is an academic medical center associated with Michigan State University's school of medicine and also provides training locations for several nursing and allied health programs). The Fellows have regular interactions with a broad range of health care professionals including physicians in primary care, neurology, neuropathology, neurosurgery, physiatry, and psychiatry, as well as other Psychologists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and other allied professions – (e.g., OTs, PTs, SLPs, SWs).

- Interactions are available with one additional Neuropsychology Fellow, undergraduate interns, and other medical residents. The Fellow interacts with medical residents through the Neurology Service and external didactics (e.g., neurology, neurosurgery, and neuropathology).

- Substantial time commitments are made to clinical service (~70%), clinical research (~10%), and educational activities/didactics (~20%).

The following is a review of the Houston Conference-based fellowship training goals and the program activities designed to accomplish them:

Advanced skill in the neuropsychological evaluation, treatment and consultation to patients and professionals sufficient to practice on an independent basis. Fellows will have ample opportunity to grow and fine-tune evaluation and treatment skills

with a wide variety of patients on numerous neuropsychology rotations. Further, consultation opportunities abound in various interdisciplinary clinics. Didactics over the two-year training include foundational instruction in basic neuropsychological science, as well as more advanced, specific instruction and practice related to various diagnoses and treatment scenarios. A strong emphasis is placed on recent scientific advancements, and Fellows will have opportunities to work closely with providers of various medical/neurological disciplines.

Advanced understanding of brain-behavior relationships. Fellows develop an advanced understanding of brain-behavior relationships through clinical neuropsychology rotations that include training and supervision in neuropsychological evaluation and neurorehabilitation treatment. Fellows also participate in a two-year didactic sequence that further develops this understanding, including Neuropsychology Case Conference, Neuroanatomy Lectures, syndrome- or topic-based didactics, Brain Cuttings, Movement Disorder Surgical Conferences, Epilepsy Surgery Conferences, Neurology Morbidity and Mortality meetings, and Neurology Grand Rounds. A list of didactics is available to interested applicants upon request.

Scholarly activity, such as submitting a study or literature review for publication, presenting research, submitting a grant proposal, or conducting an outcome assessment. Fellows are required to participate in scholarly activity, which may include preparing a scholarly paper or literature review, participating in ongoing faculty-guided research, or developing an independent mentored project. Fellows' scholarly activities are mentored by core Neuropsychology faculty, with additional input from adjunct faculty as needed and consistent with each Fellow's area of focus. At minimum, Fellows will submit an abstract and present a scientific poster at a national conference; they are also encouraged to submit manuscripts for peer-reviewed publication when appropriate. Several databases are available for research activities.

A formal evaluation of competency in the exit criteria 1 through 3 shall occur in the Fellowship program. Formal evaluations at 6, 12, 18, and 24 months assess whether Fellows are successfully progressing towards meeting the exit criteria per the Learning Contract. If a Fellow does not progress according to minimum competencies required, a remediation plan is established with the goal of assisting the Fellow to successfully achieve all required competencies.

Eligibility for state or provincial licensure or certification for the independent practice of psychology. Prior to beginning the program, Fellows are asked to apply for and obtain a Limited License in the state of Michigan. We will work directly with the selected Fellow to facilitate this process. It is also recommended that the Fellow will sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology prior to completion of Year 1. By the end of Year 2, the Fellow will be expected to have satisfied all requirements for independent licensure in the State of Michigan.

Eligibility for board certification in clinical neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology. Fellows are also eligible for American Board of

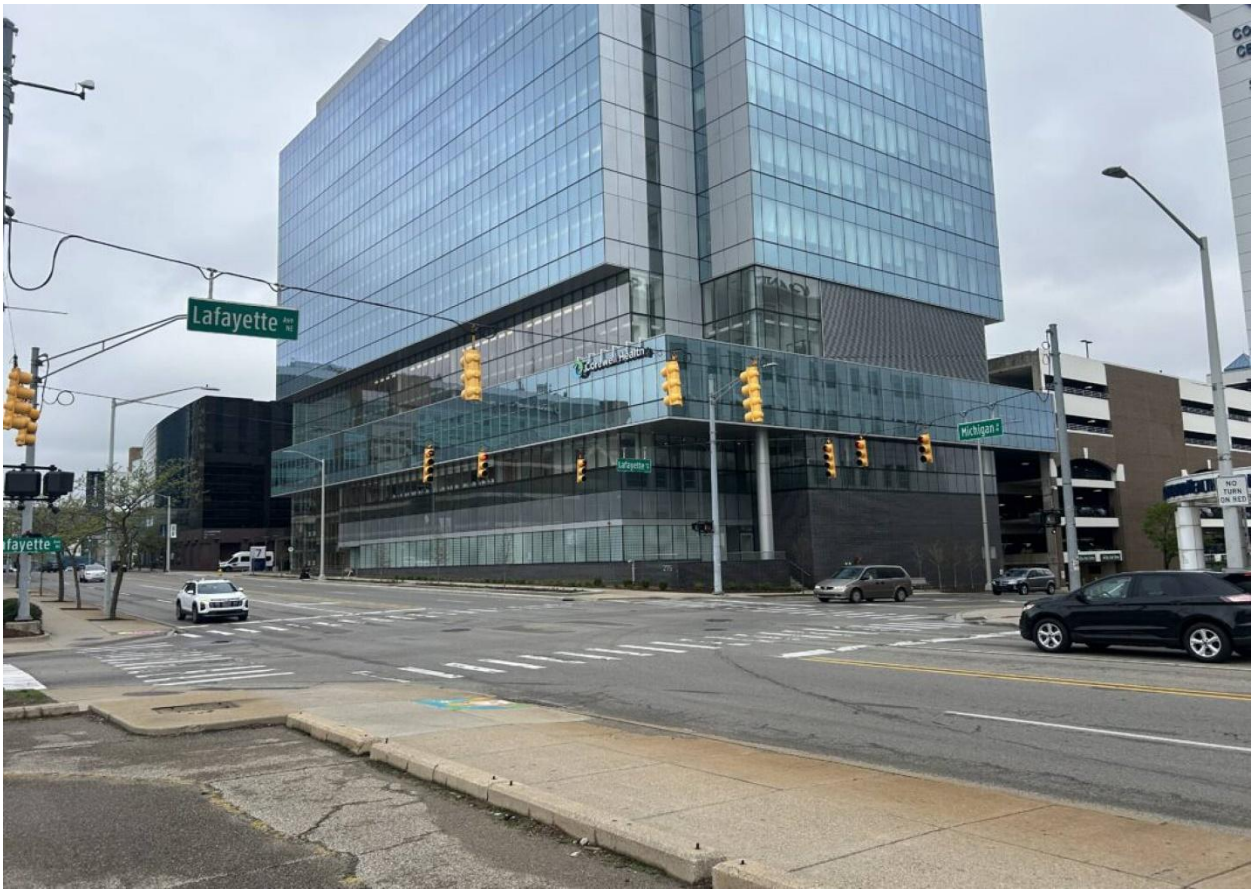
Professional Psychology specialty certification in Clinical Neuropsychology upon successful completion of the training program, as our program is APPCN accredited.

Clinical Service: The Corewell Health Medical Group Neuropsychology Service is staffed with 12 full-time Neuropsychologists and 6 Psychometrists. Referrals to the Neuropsychology Service are received from Neurology, Geriatrics, Physiatry, Neurosurgery, Trauma Surgery, and Primary Care, among other specialties. The patient population covers a diverse age range, with ethnic/racial diversity and residential diversity (urban, suburban, and rural). Presenting conditions commonly seen include stroke, dementia, multiple sclerosis, seizure disorders, movement disorders, substance abuse, brain tumors and traumatic brain injury, as well as mental health concerns.

Clinical Training: Fellows train in both general and targeted settings with patients who present with a wide variety of conditions. Beyond diagnostic considerations, training emphasizes integrating multiple sources of data to optimize treatment recommendations and develop a cohesive, logical plan from each evaluation. Empirical neuropsychological literature forms the basis of evaluation approaches and recommendations and guides the Fellow's interactions with patients, families, and other providers. Fellows develop strong familiarity with this literature and learn to update their practice as relevant findings are published. Fellows provide comprehensive outpatient neuropsychological evaluations, as well as inpatient and outpatient evaluations and treatment for patients with neurorehabilitation needs. The Fellow serves on numerous interdisciplinary teams and has opportunities to attend a variety of interdisciplinary team meetings.

II. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Fellows will be provided with the necessary office space in which to provide professional services in an appropriately confidential and secure manner. They will have access to the clerical and technical support available to senior staff, including computer/internet access, computer support personnel, and medical media (for presentation services). We have transitioned to digital platforms for test administration, and the Fellow will also have an opportunity to train in this modality. Fellows have access to the medical library which contains a wide variety of medical and social science journals. Extensive computer services include all major medical online database/literature search capabilities, inter-library loan services, and library support services. Research support personnel are also available as needed to assist with the Fellow's scholarly activity.



Corewell Health Grand Rapids Hospitals

III. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

All faculty at Corewell Health value the importance of being well-rounded neuropsychologists. In the ever-changing world of healthcare, we believe neuropsychologists should be skilled in a wide variety of settings and capable of adapting their practices to a changing environment. To this end, we have structured the program to provide opportunities for general outpatient, inpatient, and specialized training experiences. A sample rotation schedule is outlined below.

Months 1-6: During the first 6-month training cycle, the Fellow will spend most of their time in the General Neuropsychology Clinic, primarily working with 3 Faculty on a rotating basis. This will afford the Fellow the opportunity to see a wide variety of presenting concerns while adjusting to a new medical system, learning the electronic medical record, and adapting to the expectations of Fellowship.

Months 7-9: The Fellow then transitions to a three-month Neurodegenerative rotation with two to three faculty members who specialize in dementia. During this time, the Fellow expands their knowledge of dementia differential diagnosis. They also have the

opportunity to train in the Neurocognitive/Memory Disorders Clinic, a multidisciplinary clinic with providers from Neurology, Pharmacy, and Social Work.

Butterworth Hospital

Months 10-14: This rotation will be followed by a 5-month inpatient/acquired brain injury rotation, which will take the Fellow into the second year. This rotation will be split between the acute medical setting and outpatients with acquired brain injury, including stroke and traumatic brain injury.

Months 15-19: Once the Fellow successfully completes their inpatient rotation, they will start two five-month elective rotations. Each five-month block will comprise of a Major rotation (75%) and a Minor rotation (25%).

Months 20-24: Elective rotations, with a Major (75%) and Minor (25%)

Major Rotations	Minor Rotations
Acquired Brain Injury (Trauma Clinic, Rehab Follow-up, Stroke Clinic)	Concussion/Mild TBI
Epilepsy	Dementia
Multiple Sclerosis	Therapy/Cognitive Rehab
Movement Disorders	

All of the above Major rotations can be considered a Minor rotation

In specific cases, we would consider allowing students to complete additional rotations, inpatient, and for qualified candidates, Spanish evaluations.

In the Neurosciences Department of Corewell Health, Neurology and Neuropsychology Divisions are housed together. As such, all Neuropsychology Faculty and trainees must work closely with other providers and physicians in Neurology. Our program unequivocally values strong communication skills, and Fellows will have ample opportunity to work "elbow-to-elbow" with other providers in numerous interdisciplinary settings. We expect the Fellow to be in regular contact with other providers and physicians. A primary focus of the program involves Fellows developing the competence and confidence to be able to interact fluidly with psychologists, physicians, social workers, pharmacists, and other professionals. The following descriptions of the various clinics emphasize the premium we place on interdisciplinary services and communication.

Below is a list of various clinics in which Fellows may have the opportunity to work:

1) General Neuropsychology Outpatient Clinic (All Providers):
   The Fellow will spend a significant amount of time in the general Neuropsychology Outpatient Clinic, evaluating a wide range of patients who do not necessarily require placement in any of the specialty clinics as listed below. Although the patient may not require placement in a specialty clinic, collaboration with related disciplines frequently occurs (e.g., pre-, and post-lumbar puncture evaluations for normal pressure hydrocephalus, determining appropriate referrals to other services, discussing differential diagnoses).

2) Triage Clinic (Dr. McLaughlan):

   This clinic was developed to allow for brief assessments (60-90 minutes) of individuals and determination of whether more comprehensive evaluation will be beneficial. Fellows initially see 1 patient each Friday and later increase to 2 patients when developmentally appropriate. Often, patients seen in the Triage Clinic have modifiable factors that contribute to cognitive concerns and are able to benefit from psychoeducation the day of the exam. In addition to increasing service efficiency for our patient population, this model was designed to assist fellows in developing skills related to rapid formulation of conceptualizations and recommendations while maintaining a focus on high level care.

3) The Neurocognitive/Memory Disorders Clinic (Drs. Fernando, VanDyke-Velazquez, Rodriguez, Vos, and Linck):

   This Clinic is staffed by a Neurologist, Neuropsychologist, Pharmacist, and Social Worker. Patients referred to this clinic typically present with memory and other cognitive concerns and receive evaluation by all specialists in the clinic. Four patients are seen per day (two days weekly), and the clinic maintains an efficient,

yet patient-centered focus for a comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluation of the patient's neurological, medical, cognitive, and biopsychosocial statuses. After all providers meet with the patients (one hour per patient, per service), all providers gather for a multidisciplinary meeting to establish diagnosis and treatment plan. Patients return the following week for feedback led by the Neuropsychologist.

4) Inpatient Services (Supervisors listed below by site):

Butterworth Hospital – Acute Care (Drs. Hatfield-Eldred, McLaughlan, Vanden Bussche Jantz, and Vos)
This training experience involves providing a variety of evaluation and consultation services requested by hospital physicians and allied health professionals. Emphasis is placed on working with acute presentations of neurologic illness/injury and complex medical presentations as well as interfacing with physicians and other healthcare providers. Opportunities for inpatient consultations at Butterworth include (partial listing): medical decision-making capacity, evaluation of acute TBI patients in Neurotrauma/Neurocritical Care, pre-surgical evaluations (primarily brain tumor and NPH), and evaluation of acute stroke patients. This rotation will allow fellows to see the full range of brain injury populations, including complicated mild to the most severe brain injuries, often exacerbated by medical comorbidities. The fellow will also be exposed to patients experiencing delirium of various etiologies and become adept in understanding signs/symptoms, causes, differential diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and prognosis. Serial monitoring is highly emphasized given acuity of conditions.

5) Epilepsy Service (Drs. Lawrence, Luu, and Rodriguez):
The Fellow will have the opportunity to work with Drs. Lawrence, Luu, and Rodriguez to conduct pre- and post-surgical evaluations with epilepsy patients who are planning or who have undergone surgical resection or neuromodulation intervention in the context of their condition. Fellows will work closely with Corewell's Epileptologists, Neuroradiologists, and Neurosurgeons. They are required to attend multidisciplinary Epilepsy Surgery Conferences held weekly on Thursday at 4:00pm. The fellow will also have the opportunity to participate in Wada testing. There will be a separate epilepsy didactic series while the fellow is on the rotation.

6) DBS and Movement Disorders Clinic (Drs. Fernando and Bertram):
The Fellow will have the opportunity to work with Drs. Fernando and Bertram in the Movement Disorders Clinic. In the general movement disorders clinic, typical referrals include neuropsychological assessment of patients with Parkinson's disease, Essential tremor, and various dystonias. Other referrals include assistance with differential diagnosis of Parkinson's disease vs Dementia with Lewy Bodies vs other Parkinson's Plus Syndromes. In the DBS clinic, pre-and post-surgical evaluations are conducted to determine candidacy for DBS surgery. The DBS Team consists of 4 Fellowship-Trained Neurologists, 2 Neurosurgeons, a Psychiatrist, 2 Neuropsychologists, PT, OT, and SLP specialists. There is also

a twice monthly DBS interdisciplinary surgical conference that all team members attend. Fellows will be able to observe DBS surgeries.

7) Acquired Brain Injury Clinics

Concussion Clinic (Dr. Lawrence):
In this clinic, Neuropsychology works with Orthopedics and Sports Medicine providers evaluating patients who have had recent concussions. Evaluations include baseline testing with ImPACT, post-concussive evaluations, and evaluations with local professional athletes who have sustained concussions.

Stroke Clinic (Drs. McLaughlan & Vanden Bussche Jantz):
The Fellow may work with Dr. McLaughlan in conducting comprehensive outpatient neuropsychological evaluations with patients who are in sub-acute and chronic stages of stroke recovery. Evaluations often emphasize education and functional recommendations as patients are attempting to effectively return to prior activities. Fellows will frequently communicate with Neurology, Neurosurgery, and rehabilitation staff to assist in coordination and planning of care.

Multidisciplinary Trauma Clinic (Dr. Hatfield):
The Fellow will have the opportunity to work with Dr. Hatfield in the Interdisciplinary Trauma Clinic one day per week. This clinic provides coordinated, interdisciplinary outpatient follow up for patients with polytrauma initially seen at Butterworth hospital. The clinic is staffed by Neuropsychology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Neurosurgery, Acute Care (Trauma) Surgery, and Orthopedic Trauma. The Fellow will focus on evaluation of cognitive and behavioral changes after traumatic brain injury (including assisting the team with care recommendations). This is a new and developing clinic and the role of Neuropsychology and specific populations served within polytrauma may change over time. This is expected to provide the Fellow with unique experiences in program development.

8) Multiple Sclerosis and Related Conditions Clinic (Drs. Polter and Linck)

This clinic includes initial and serial assessment for patients seen in the Corewell Neurology Multiple Sclerosis Clinic. Depending on the day, the neuropsychologist may see 1-3 patients for a targeted cognitive and emotional evaluation. Feedback is typically provided the following week. The clinic focuses on cognitive sequela associated with MS, as well as interventions specific to the condition, considering the high degree of comorbid fatigue, depression, and anxiety. While this clinic is still early in development, the longer-term plan is to have an interdisciplinary team approach to intervention and symptom management.

Based on interest and qualifications, rotations can also be made available conducting psychotherapy with neurological populations, cognitive rehabilitation or

compensatory training, or conducting neuropsychological evaluations with Spanish-speaking populations.

Medical Center – Aerial View

IV. SUPERVISION

Fellows will have a *minimum* of two set hours of supervision per week, with additional supervision on each case as needed. Fellows will receive supervision from one of the attending Neuropsychologists for each case. Additional supervision may occur with other physicians, depending on the interests of the Fellow. Fellows are encouraged to present to supervision on time, with all materials prepared in advance, to facilitate optimal use of supervision time.

V. DIDACTIC/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The following are available didactic opportunities:
Neuroanatomy series
Neuropsychology syndromes & diagnoses
Fact Findings
Case presentations
Ethics
Professional Development
Journal Club
Neurology Grand Rounds

Neurology Morbidity & Mortality meetings
Brain Cuttings
Wada
DBS surgery
MSU Neuropathology didactics
Epilepsy Case Conference
Schwartz Rounds
Rehabilitation Rounds

Interested applicants can request a syllabus for the departmental lecture series for the upcoming year for additional details.

VI. EVALUATION OF FELLOW'S TRAINING PLAN AND PROGRESS

Near the start of Fellowship, Fellows will work with the training directors to establish a learning contract. The learning contract will include, but may not necessarily be limited to, the following core competency training objectives (Developed by the APPCN workgroup and published by Heffelfinger et al., 2022):

1. Integration of science and Practice- demonstrate and effectively utilize knowledge related to brain behavior relationships, pathologies, and neuropsychological testing
2. Ethical and Legal Standards/Policy- conduct ethical evaluations, recognize ethical dilemmas, and discuss relevant laws, practice standards, and ethical codes
3. Individual and Cultural Diversity- demonstrate ability to integrate diversity issues into practice, develop awareness and knowledge of individual differences, developing a conceptual framework for integrating culture into conceptualizations
4. Professional Identity & Relationships/Self Reflective Practice- Understand appropriate roles and limits, develop professional relationships and comportment, engage in self- assessment.
5. Exhibit awareness of personal and professional problems, demonstrate positive coping strategies with personal and professional stressors and challenges in interdisciplinary systems/consultation, understand roles of related disciplines and effectively use consultation.
6. Assessment- effectively gather information, interpret, write and verbally communicate.
7. Intervention- Appropriately recommend evidence-based interventions and tailor them to neurological populations, provide therapeutic feedback
8. Research- Accurately perform research activities and communicate findings, read and apply existing literature to practice
9. Teaching/Supervision/mentoring- Effectively communicate and pass on knowledge to others
10. Management/Administration- Advance knowledge for business practices including building service lines, coding, billing, and timely documentation

One of goals for the Fellow is to prepare them for the ABPP exam. As such, they will participate in fact-findings, mock ethic exams, and case presentations. They are also required to complete the APPCN written exam by the end of Year 1.

Formal evaluations of the progress of Fellows are conducted at 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, though informal feedback opportunities regarding performance occur on a regular basis in the context of supervision. Each formal evaluation will be completed by the supervisors and will be reviewed with the resident. Each evaluation meeting will address at least the following:

1. Progress of the Fellow in meeting the stated training/competency objectives, goals and expectations specified in the learning contract, with suggestions for improvement (if needed) in the areas of professional conduct, ethics, assessment, consultation, etc.
2. Any amendments/revisions of the learning contract as needed
3. All evaluations are to be conducted in writing and signed by the supervisor and Fellow, as well as the training directors.

If there is concern regarding the Fellow's progress, performance or developmental and professional status, such concern will be discussed between the Fellow and the training directors during scheduled evaluation times. Any concerns will also be discussed with the Fellow during each of the formal evaluations, to establish necessary interventions to address any area(s) of concern. If it is determined that the Fellow has not satisfactorily remedied the area(s) of concern by the time of the next formal evaluation meeting, a formal remediation plan will be initiated, with review of the expected area(s) of improvement monthly until the next formal evaluation meeting. If the area(s) of concern have not been relieved by that next formal evaluation, additional remediation plans may be enacted, or the Fellow may be dismissed from the Training Program. More egregious behaviors, including but not limited to those defined as unacceptable by the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct http://www.apa.org/ethics/code/index.aspx, may result in immediate dismissal from the Fellowship.

VII. GRIEVENCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

If the Fellow has questions or concerns about the Neuropsychology Fellowship Program, the first step is for the Fellow to contact the Training Directors. If the conflict involves the Director(s) of Training, that person will be excused from deliberations related to the dispute. If the situation is not resolved or if there are special circumstances where use of the usual chain of authority is not appropriate, the Fellow may bring grievances directly to Dr. Cynthia Hingtgen (Division Chief, Neurology), who serves as mediator for the program.

VIII. EVALUATION OF TRAINING PROGRAM STRUCTURE, METHOD, AND OUTCOME

As noted above, formal, written competency evaluations between the Fellow and supervisors occur at 6, 12, 18, and 24 months, and will focus on concurrence with the

training plan. Feedback will also be provided to the supervisor at each evaluation period. At the completion of training, trainees may complete an outcome measure designed to evaluate their competency levels and training experiences, and graduated Fellows may be surveyed regarding their satisfaction with training, adaptation to the professional field of practice, and professional accomplishments (outcomes).

IX. PERSONNEL INFORMATION

This Fellowship is a 24-month, full-time appointment, though the second year is contingent on satisfactory completion of the first year. Acceptance of an appointment requires a commitment to complete the entire training period. Details regarding these requirements will be reviewed during orientation.

Benefits: Benefit package is robust and competitive and consists of health insurance, including dental and vision, as well as disability coverage. Additionally, up to $2,500 of CME per year may be included, which can be used for books, other educational materials, conferences, licensure examinations, organizational dues, and/or other approved educational endeavors Fellows receive 27 days of PTO per calendar year (prorated) and 7 paid holidays, yearly.

Pay: Stipend for the 2025-2027 Fellowship was approximately $63,800 for Year 1. It is anticipated that the stipends for the next iteration of training will be similar to these figures, though cost of living increases are considered frequently. A relocation stipend may also be available.

Start Date: As early as mid-July of 2027, or as late as mid-September of 2027, depending on the selected Fellow's Internship completion date or individual needs.

X. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply you must be:

- A graduate of an APA/CPA-approved doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology
- A graduate of an APA/CPA-approved internship

To apply, submit the following materials:

1. A cover letter detailing your training, research, career goals, and perceived fit with our program
2. A current CV
3. Two **de-identified** reports
4. *A letter of confirmation from your Internship Director describing your training plan, progress on that plan, standing in the program, and anticipated completion date. If internship is complete, a certificate may be substituted for this letter

5. A scan of an original, signed APPCN Verification of Completion of Doctorate form: https://appcn.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/doctorate_verification_form.pdf
6. ***Two*** letters of recommendation from supervisors well acquainted with your work. These can be emailed directly to the Training Directors by the letter writer to: NeuropsychologyFellowship@Corewellhealth.org
7. Transcripts of all graduate work (unofficial transcripts are acceptable and may be scanned).

****The letter from the Internship Director should specifically detail your standing in the program and anticipated completion date***. The Internship Director may also offer a recommendation or endorsement, though the letter from the Internship Director will not be recognized as a substitute for the two letters of recommendation from supervisors well acquainted with your work, unless the Director has served in a meaningful supervisory role during your training. All recommendation letters should be sent electronically from the letter writer's email address to the following email address: NeuropsychologyFellowship@Corewellhealth.org

If the letter writer would prefer to mail the recommendation, the envelope should be sealed with the writer's signature across the back flap.

APPLICATION DUE DATE:

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 5:00pm

**** We encourage applicants to submit all application materials in one electronic package via email as listed below (with the exception of recommendation letters).

Hien Luu, Psy.D., ABPP-CN and
Leia Vos, PhD, ABPP-CN
Co-Directors of Training in Neuropsychology
Neurology | Neuropsychology

If there are any questions about the application process, please feel free to email us at NeuropsychologyFellowship@Corewellhealth.org

Other Important Application Notes:

1) All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed prior to the start of the Fellowship year. This includes completion of dissertation.

2) As an equal opportunity training program, our Fellowship welcomes and strongly encourages applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of sex, gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or other status.

XI. FELLOW SELECTION

Our selection criteria are such that we are looking for Fellows whose academic preparation, clinical experience, personal characteristics, and training goals best match the values and requirements of our training program.

After reviewing written applications, we will request interviews with individuals we believe have a good opportunity to excel at our site. We will NOT be requiring in-person interviews at INS this training cycle. Rather, in accordance with APPCN recommendations, we will primarily utilize a virtual platform for interviews. Requests for any on-site interviews or meetings at INS (if applicable) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. We plan to host an Open House, Meet and Greet with current fellows, as well as virtual interviews.

We are an APPCN member program, and plan to participate in the APPCN Match Process (http://appcn.org/) and adhere to all pertinent rules and procedures as set forth by APPCN. This Fellowship site agrees to abide by the APPCN policy that no person at this facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any Fellowship applicant. Applicants may sign up for the match at https://natmatch.com/appcnmat/

TRAINING FACULTY

Hien Luu, Psy.D., ABPP-CN
Fellowship Training Co-Director

Dr. Luu began her Fellowship at Corewell in 2017, and accepted a Faculty offer with us in 2019. She completed her graduate coursework at Adler University in Chicago, which also happens to be her hometown (go Cubbies!). Naturally, she and Dr. Linck do not get along during baseball season. She lived in Memphis for a year and completed her psychology internship at the Memphis VA Medical Center prior to coming to Grand Rapids. Her clinical interests include epilepsy and stroke. She also works with student athletes (high school and college) to address issues of sports performance. Now that she is no longer on a Fellowship budget, one would think she would stop "forgetting" her wallet when it's time to pay for lunch. One would be mistaken. However, she is remarkably resourceful when it comes to finding free food for the rest of us, so we typically let it go.

Leia Vos, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
Fellowship Training Co-Director

Dr. Vos completed her graduate work at Wayne State University, internship at the Detroit VA, and Fellowship at TIRR Memorial Hermann/Baylor College of Medicine. Her clinical and research interests include traumatic brain injury, assessment, and rehabilitation outcomes. She has two young children, and much like. Dr. Hatfield, her free time has dwindled some. For clarity, her first name is pronounced "Lee-uh," and not "Lay-uh." She is not a princess from the planet Alderaan. That being said, she can work Rasch analyses like a Jedi.

Michael Lawrence, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
Division Chief – Neuropsychology

Dr. Lawrence completed his graduate work at the University of Oklahoma, his Internship in Neuropsychology with the Missouri Consortium, and his Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology at the Geisinger Medical Center. His professional interests include dementia, epilepsy, and sports concussion. He has been with Corewell for the past 14 years, and has built strong relationships between Neuropsychology and many other parts of the organization, particularly in Neurology and Neurosurgery. He is the first non-MD/DO Division Chief at Corewell, a testament to his hard work. Given he is married and has two daughters, he compensates for being fourth in command at home by leading the Neuropsychology Division at Corewell.

David Bertram, Psy.D.

After leaving West Michigan to attend graduate school at the University of Indianapolis, Internship at the Cincinnati VA, and Postdoctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology at the St. Louis VA, Dr. Bertram decided his tour of the Midwest should end where it began – Grand Rapids – and he joined Corewell in 2012. His professional interests include teaching, movement disorders, stroke, and dementia. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two boys, playing golf, fishing, and watching college football. He is known for his sense of humor and his ability to write fantastic bios for all us. He does have some attention-based issues, but with assistance from his colleagues, he still manages to finish most thi…

Heshan Fernando, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

After finishing graduate school on Long Island, NY, Dr. Fernando headed for the Swamp to complete his Internship and Fellowship at the University of Florida. His yearning for a return to a location with four seasons (among other factors, we hope) brought him to Corewell in 2019. He and his wife have two daughters and plenty of tea parties. His clinical interests include Movement Disorders and Dementia. It is also worth noting that he leads a double life: Neuropsychologist by day - landscape photographer by night. Even though he demonstrates a significantly limited organizational strategy when copying the Rey Complex Figure, his photos are pretty darn good.

Maegan Hatfield-Eldred, Ph.D.

Dr. Hatfield-Eldred joined Corewell in 2013 following completion of her Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Hurley Medical Center in Flint, MI. Prior to Fellowship, she completed her graduate work at Central Michigan University, and her Internship at Henry Ford Hospital. Her professional interests include traumatic brain injury and dementia. She is the current Site Lead for the Neuropsychology and Neurology providers at the Beltline Office location. As a mid-Michigan native, she has strong ties to the state and loves the outdoors. She used to have hobbies, but as a mother to twins, she's had to rearrange her priorities.

John Linck, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Dr. Linck completed his graduate work at the University of Oklahoma, followed by his Internship and Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He served as a Staff Neuropsychologist at the Oklahoma City VA and the Jim Thorp Rehabilitation Center prior to transitioning to Staff Neuropsychologist at the Health Sciences Center. After learning Oklahoma designated the watermelon as the state plant, he packed his bags and headed to Michigan (he is not a watermelon fan). He joined Corewell in 2022. His interests include dementia, multiple sclerosis, training, and validity, functional, and forensic assessment. Outside of work, Dr. Linck enjoys spending time with his wife and son, rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals, rooting against the Chicago Cubs, looking for large rocks and eating club sandwiches. Word on the street is that his fantasy baseball teams are unbeatable, and he can calculate z-scores in his head.

Joseph McLaughlan, Ph.D

Dr. McLaughlan joined Corewell in 2015 after his Fellowship training with the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Prior to Fellowship, he completed his Internship at the Miami VA, and his graduate work at Central Michigan University. His clinical interests include traumatic brain injury, stroke, and rehabilitation. Dr. McLaughlan quickly puts patients at ease with his non-threatening demeanor, and he almost always has a smile on his face. We could attempt to tease him, but he's just too nice. When he is not wrangling his three kids, Dr. McLaughlan has been known to jump out of the occasional airplane.

Rachael Polter, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Dr. Polter graduated from Central Michigan University, completed Internship at the Cincinnati VA, and did her Fellowship in Neuropsychology at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids, MI. She then went back to Cincinnati to work at UC Health. She has previously completed an advanced practicum at Corewell while she was in graduate school and felt the pull of West Michigan once again. She accepted Faculty appointment as a Neuropsychologist in July of 2023, making her colleagues very happy. Her clinical interests include dementia, TBI, MS, and stroke, as well as cognitive manifestation of depression/anxiety. Dislikes include forced social interactions and providing information for bios. Likes include hiking with her husband, baking, being with family, and evidently, moving back and forth between Cincinnati and West Michigan.

Carlos Rodriguez, Ph.D.

Prior to his arrival to Grand Rapids, Dr. Rodriguez completed his Internship at UCLA Semel Institute and his graduate studies at USC. Dr. Rodriguez completed his Neuropsychology Fellowship at Corewell in 2017, and subsequently accepted a position as part of our faculty. His clinical interests include epilepsy, dementia, and movement disorders and he is fluent in both English and Spanish. Resultantly, Dr. Rodriguez offers services to Spanish-speaking patients at Corewell. He enjoys exploring Michigan's majestic parks and beaches, playing video games (with or without his son), going to concerts (preferably metal), and sleeping (when his infant son allows it). As a native to Southern California he will always root for USC and UCLA against Michigan and MSU, but now he is also proud to call himself, his wife, and his two sons Michiganders.

Sarah Van Dyke-Velasquez, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Dr. Van Dyke completed her graduate work at Wayne State University, her Internship at the John D. Dingell VA in Detroit, and her Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. She joined Corewell in 2013. Her professional and research interests include brain tumor, rehabilitation, validity of neuropsychological testing, and psychometrics. She continues to hold the title of "Excel Queen" and feels that most questions can be answered best with a table. She has a table to illustrate her point further.

Alicia Vanden Bussche Jantz, Ph.D.

Dr. Vanden Bussche Jantz completed her undergraduate work at Michigan State University, graduate school at Palo Alto University, Internship at the Pittsburgh VA, and Fellowship at the Tampa VA. She loves inpatient rehabilitation work and spends most of her time at the Blodgett Inpatient Rehabilitation Center and in acute care at Butterworth. She enjoys cooking and stated if she were not a neuropsychologist, she would likely be in the culinary field. Likes include her husband, dogs, and charcuterie boards. Dislikes include COVID and cotton balls. Yep, cotton balls…we all have our quirks.

Prior Trainees

2015 – 2017 Carlos Rodriguez, PhD
2017 – 2019 Hien Luu, PsyD, ABPP
2019 – 2021 Shanna Williams, PsyD
2020 – 2022 Megan Samples, PsyD
2021 – 2023 Blair Hildebrandt (Honsey), PsyD, ABPP
2022 – 2024 Sarah Letang, PhD
2023 – 2025 Shelby Ming, PsyD
2025 – Daniel Rallison, PsyD (Current 2nd year fellow)
2026 – David Engel, PsyD (Current 1st year fellow)

All prior fellows are employed, licensed, and working in various settings including academic medical centers, private hospitals, VA hospitals, and private practice.