

### Overview

Marshall Health, the faculty practice of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is recruiting for a full-time, two-year postdoctoral fellowship in adult clinical neuropsychology. The fellowship is housed in the Department of Neurology, is a member of APPCN, and follows the Houston Conference Guidelines for Specialty Education and Training in Clinical Neuropsychology. The position is expected to begin between July and September 2026.

### Institutional Affiliations

Marshall Health is the clinical practice group for the School of Medicine and is affiliated with Marshall Health Network (MHN), a not-for-profit academic health system serving 1.4 million residents across West Virginia, southern Ohio, and eastern Kentucky. MHN includes two designated Level II Trauma Centers, as well as specialized programs such as a Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care Center, a NAEC Level 3 Epilepsy Center, and the state's only ALS Association Recognized Treatment Center.

Marshall University maintains two main campuses in Huntington, WV:

- Health Sciences Campus, home to Marshall University Medical Center, Cabell
  Huntington Hospital, and the professional schools. Cabell Huntington Hospital (CHH), a
  303-bed teaching hospital, serves as a primary training site for the Schools of
  Medicine, Pharmacy, and Nursing.
- **Main Campus**, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees, including programs in Clinical Psychology, Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology.

### Practice Location

The Neuropsychology division is based within the Department of Neurology, located on the Health Sciences Campus directly across from Marshall University Medical Center and CHH. The fellow will have:

- A private office with computer access
- A designated testing space in a quiet environment conducive to evaluation and feedback

- Ample parking immediately adjacent to the building
- Access to an expanding library of neuropsychological tests and resources

## **Clinical Training**

The fellowship is designed to provide advanced training in neuropsychological assessment, treatment, consultation, and the study of brain–behavior relationships. Fellows primarily see patients referred from Neurology, Geriatrics, and Neurosurgery, with additional referrals from other medical services.

Clinical experience emphasizes adult populations, particularly older adults, with some limited exposure to late adolescent and young adult patients (ages 18–21). Fellows conduct outpatient neuropsychological evaluations with a diverse range of presentations, including:

- Neurodegenerative disorders
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Movement disorders
- Epilepsy
- Traumatic brain injury
- Brain tumors
- Psychiatric conditions
- Developmental disorders
- Autoimmune and infectious diseases
- Other chronic medical conditions

Specialty training opportunities include pre- and post-surgical evaluations of epilepsy surgical candidates, pre-surgical evaluations for deep brain stimulation (DBS), and pre-surgical pain evaluations.

Fellows are expected to complete approximately three to four comprehensive evaluations per week. Caseloads may be adjusted depending on clinical or training needs. One administrative day per week is typically protected for didactics, report writing, supervision, and research activities.

### Supervision

Fellows receive a minimum of two hours of individual supervision per week throughout the twoyear fellowship. Supervision focuses on case conceptualization, assessment, feedback, and professional development. Depending on interest and availability, fellows may also elect to participate in rotations with additional faculty members.

# **Primary Supervisors**

- Michelle Hudson, PsyD, ABPP Clinical Neuropsychologist, Associate Professor of Neurology, Director of Neuropsychology Services & Director of Training
- Kristyn Ford, PsyD Clinical Neuropsychologist, Assistant Professor of Neurology
- Rebecca Osterwise, PsyD Clinical Neuropsychologist, Assistant Professor of Neurology

# **Optional Supervisors**

- Jared Hollinger, MD Neurologist, Assistant Professor of Neurology
- Paul Ferguson, MD Neurologist, Professor of Neurology
- Justin Nolte, MD Neurologist, Associate Professor of Neurology
- Heather Pinckard-Dover, MD Neurosurgeon, Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery

#### **Didactics**

Fellows participate in a structured didactic program designed to support specialty training in neuropsychology and preparation for board certification.

### **Core Didactics**

- Inter-fellowship didactic series and resident lectures
- Clinical neuropsychology didactic series (KnowNeuropsychology)
- Weekly Neurology Grand Rounds
- Monthly Neurology specialty conferences (e.g., movement disorders)

## **Additional Opportunities**

- Attendance at specialty clinics (e.g., ALS Clinic)
- Observation of neurosurgical procedures
- Specialized activities such as mock fact-finding to prepare for ABPP/ABCN board certification

### **Required Coursework**

During the second year, fellows are expected to complete the National Academy of Neuropsychology's Behavioral & Cognitive Neurology online course (30 CE hours). Professional development funds are available to offset this cost.

# **Diversity Training**

We emphasize diversity and inclusion in patient care, education, and the local community.

Fellows are expected to demonstrate knowledge of current research and theory related to diversity in neuropsychology. Specific diversity-focused readings and didactic experiences are integrated into training.

## **Teaching**

Fellows are required to present annually at Neurology Grand Rounds. Additional teaching opportunities are available across the Health Sciences Campus, which hosts multiple medical residencies, fellowships, and doctoral-level clinical psychology training programs. Fellows may participate in teaching through lectures, shadowing experiences, and case-based discussions. Depending on availability, fellows may also provide tiered supervision to psychology practicum students or psychometrists.

#### Research

Although the fellowship emphasizes clinical training, research participation is required. By completion of the program, fellows must either:

- Present a poster or oral presentation at a national neuropsychology conference (AACN, NAN, or INS) based on original empirical work, or
- Submit a manuscript to a peer-reviewed journal.

Fellows have access to extensive online resources through Marshall University Libraries.

### Licensure Requirements:

Fellows must maintain an active psychology license in West Virginia for the duration of the program. Licensure proceeds in two stages:

- **Year 1** Supervised Psychologist license ("Gold Card")
- Year 2 Independent licensure

All licensing fees are covered by the department. Fellows are expected to pass the EPPP and the West Virginia oral exam by the end of their first year.

# **Evaluation and Exit Criteria:**

The fellowship is designed to prepare fellows for independent practice and eventual board certification in clinical neuropsychology (ABPP/ABCN).

#### **Formal Evaluations**

Fellows receive formal written evaluations every six months from their primary supervisor, incorporating direct observation and review of progress toward competencies.

#### **Exit Criteria**

Successful completion requires demonstration of:

- 1. Advanced skill in neuropsychological evaluation, treatment, and consultation sufficient for independent practice
- 2. Advanced understanding of brain-behavior relationships
- 3. Engagement in scholarly activity (e.g., presentation, manuscript submission, grant proposal, or outcome study)
- 4. Eligibility for board certification in clinical neuropsychology (ABPP)

## **Grievance Procedures**

Fellows are encouraged to discuss concerns directly with the Director of Training. If resolution is not achieved, the following steps apply:

**Step 1:** Within five business days, the fellow may submit a written appeal to the Department Chair (or designee). If the complaint involves the Chair, the fellow may instead appeal to the Human Resource Coordinator, Chief Operating Officer, or Chief Financial Officer. A written decision will be issued within ten business days.

**Step 2:** If still unresolved, the fellow may appeal to a committee appointed by the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officer. The committee will conduct a review within ten business days, followed by a written decision. The committee's decision is final.

The process ensures impartiality, fairness, and the opportunity for all parties to present and respond to evidence.

# **Benefits and Compensation:**

Fellows are employees of Marshall Health and receive full benefits.

- **Salary:** \$50,000 (Year 1), \$52,000 (Year 2)
- Leave: 24 annual leave days and additional sick leave
- Professional Development: Four days of leave for conferences, licensure exams, or related activities. Professional development funds may be available.

 Insurance: Health insurance and other employee benefits as provided through Marshall Health.

## Life in Huntington:

Huntington, West Virginia, is located along the Ohio River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, offering easy access to outdoor recreation. As a college town, it is home to Marshall University and provides a variety of cultural, athletic, and dining opportunities, including the Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington Symphony Orchestra, Marshall Artists Series, and a thriving local food scene.

## **Eligibility and Application**

Applicants must have completed all requirements for an APA-accredited doctoral program (including dissertation) and an APA-accredited internship before the fellowship start date. Preference will be given to applicants with prior clinical neuropsychology experience.

- Application Deadline: January 15, 2026
- Interview Notifications: January 2026 (virtual interviews)
- **Match:** Program participates in the APPCN Match (#8201) and adheres to all match rules and procedures.

### **Required Materials**

- Letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae
- Graduate transcripts
- APPCN Verification of Completion of Doctorate form
- Three letters of recommendation
- Two de-identified neuropsychological reports

All materials should be submitted electronically via APPA CAS.

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