

Announcing an Externship in Adult & Geriatric Neuropsychology at RICBT/OneCBT: 2024-2025 Academic Year

The Setting: RICBT/OneCBT is a thriving outpatient group practice serving the broader Rhode Island, Southern Massachusetts, and CT area, made up of a diverse group of providers ranging from clinical psychologists, licensed mental health counselors and clinical social workers, and psychiatrists with a broad range of specialties. Services include individual, couples, and group psychotherapy with a focus on evidence-based treatment modalities (e.g., CBT, DBT, ACT, CPT), medication consultation, comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological evaluation, concussion clinic, and a transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) clinic.

Responsibilities: As a neuropsychology extern at RICBT, you will work closely with Dr. Meghan Collier, seeing 1-2 patients per week for neuropsychological evaluation. You will participate in all aspects of the evaluation, including clinical interview, test selection and administration, scoring and documentation, interpretation and conceptualization, report writing, and feedback with patients, their families, and referral sources. Opportunities for psychometry support may be available for more advanced trainees. You will meet with adults and older adults presenting with neuropsychological concerns related to the entire range of neuropsychiatric conditions, including neurodegenerative and cerebrovascular disease, head injury, demyelinating conditions, medical illness, brain tumors and effects of non-CNS cancer/cancer-related treatment, mood and anxiety disorders, bipolar and schizophrenia spectrum disorders, alcohol and substance use disorders, and neurodevelopmental disorders such as ADHD, learning difficulties, and autism spectrum disorder. Opportunities to participate in extended feedback and other forms of neuropsychological and behavioral health intervention (i.e., cognitive compensatory training, CBT for ADHD) or group development may be available in addition to assessment responsibilities, depending on training goals and time allowances. You will join in the mission of providing a positive, rewarding, intervention-oriented, and truly helpful assessment experience for patients and their family members.

Program Structure: Externs will be located at the East Providence location of RICBT. The externship begins in Summer of 2024 and the length of the commitment is 12 months. The time commitment for the externship is approximately 20-24 hours per week, including time spent in supervision. Clinic days will be determined with Dr. Collier. This is typically an unpaid placement.

Didactics: A unique aspect of this training experience is the degree to which neuropsychology-specific didactics are fully integrated with daily clinical practice. Dr. Collier will provide the trainee with selected webinars, podcasts, and readings, tailored to the trainee's personal goals, and closely related to specific cases and clinical concepts discussed as part of the training experience. There will be opportunities to practice case presentation skills and participate in mock fact-finding exercises modeled after the ABPP-CN board certification exam. You may participate in a weekly RICBT Content-Based Case Conference in which team members present on a topic or theme, and discuss difficult cases, clinical issues, and professional development. Opportunities to participate in cross-institution didactic seminars, group supervision, and brain cuttings with other neuropsychology trainees may also be available.

Requirements: This externship is for graduate students pursuing specialty training in neuropsychology. Coursework in neuropsychological assessment is required and additional coursework in neuropsychological syndromes and neuroanatomy and/or physiological bases of behavior is recommended. Prior neuropsychology practicum experience is preferred but not required.

Primary Supervisor: Dr. Collier received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Suffolk University in Boston, MA, with a major area of study in neuropsychology. She completed a predoctoral internship in neuropsychology at VA Connecticut Healthcare System, West Haven, in the neuropsychology track, with minor rotations in cognitive rehabilitation and health psychology. She then completed a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in geriatric neuropsychology at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University's Clinical Neuropsychology Specialty Program, where she provided consultation to the Geriatric Psychiatry Unit and the Memory & Aging Program at Butler Hospital. During fellowship, Dr. Collier continued to pursue research interests in early detection, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, and the psychological and behavioral consequences of biomarker disclosure and associated risk of dementia with cognitively normal older adults. She currently serves as Director of Neuropsychological Services and provides neuropsychological services to adults at RICBT/OneCBT. She also functions as a Clinical Instructor at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, serving as a clinical supervisor to neuropsychology postdoctoral fellows in the outpatient neuropsychology department at Butler Hospital, and contributes to various seminar series for neuropsychology trainees, medical students, and psychiatry residents at the medical school.

To Apply: Interested applicants should include their CV and a brief cover letter summarizing prior neuropsychological assessment and psychotherapy experience, areas of clinical strength, areas of growth, and training goals to: MeghanCollier@ricbt.com.

Applications are due by Jan. 8th, 2024. Qualified candidates will be invited for an interview with Dr. Collier. Letters of recommendation from clinical supervisors and/or faculty/training director will be requested as needed after interview. Final selection will be made in conjunction with the Massachusetts PTC guidelines.

More information about the practice may also be found on the web at www.RICBT.com