Postdoctoral Fellowship in NeuroRehabilitation

A one-year full-time Postdoctoral Fellowship emphasizing NeuroRehabilitation Psychology at the University of Kansas Medical Center will be available starting August 1, 2015 (negotiable). This specialty training position combines advanced clinical experience within a rehabilitation setting and an opportunity for supervising and training psychology graduate students and interns. The fellow will participate in a variety of clinical didactics offered within the Psychiatry Department and the medical center. Research involvement is encouraged but not a primary component. Candidates will receive supervision toward licensure in the state of Kansas. Training is also provided in other important professional skills, including interdisciplinary practice, advocacy, and public policy.

The candidate will be expected to perform assessments of cognitive and emotional/behavioral functioning and to provide individual psychotherapy and functional rehabilitation intervention with individuals who have sustained brain injury, spinal cord injury, burn injury, stroke, brain tumor, polytrauma, encephalopathy, or other neurological and/or orthopedic injury/disorder. Eligible candidates will be U.S. citizens who have obtained their PhD or PsyD in Clinical or Counseling Psychology or related degree from an APA-accredited graduate program that includes completion of an APA-accredited internship. All degree requirements, including dissertation defense, must be completed prior to beginning the fellowship.

The goal of this postdoctoral fellowship position is to provide a unique and relevant practitioner-scholar training experience in rehabilitation psychology. The Postdoctoral Fellowship will be for a full year, with a full-time salary and package that includes paid holidays, health insurance, and vacation, sick leave, and authorized leave for conferences.

Accreditation by the American Psychological Association is being pursued. Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kumc.org to complete an application. The full and completed application includes a letter of interest, current CV, 3 letters of recommendation, graduate transcripts, and a clinical work sample. Interested candidates can contact:

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Position Description

General Summary of Duties

Under the supervision of faculty in the Department of Psychiatry, this position provides clinical and academic service to patients and students of the KU Medical Center. Clinical service is focused more on inpatient units, with less time devoted to outpatient service, as appropriate in relationship to inpatient activities. Patients receiving these services will be identified as having significant medical diagnoses and psychosocial issues related to these diagnoses. Academic service is concentrated in the areas of supervising clinical services provided by Psychology Interns in the Department of Psychiatry and graduate students in the KU Clinical Psychology graduate program, teaching medical and psychology students as appropriate, and initiating and carrying out relevant research activities.

Essential Functions

1. KUMC Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit (0.55 FTE): The fellow will provide service to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit as follows:
   a. Perform initial psychological and neuropsychological evaluations of inpatients on the Rehabilitation Unit who are referred for neurorehabilitation psychology services. Evaluations can include but are not limited to interviewing patient and family members, assessing coping, mood, and pain management, and performing cognitive screens where necessary. Review of pertinent medical records and discussions with relevant medical/ancillary service personnel are also expected. Initial report is entered into EMR.
   b. Ongoing individual psychotherapy and cognitive screening of patients as needed and appropriate.
   c. Participation in twice weekly rehabilitation unit team staff meetings to review patients’ progress and determine treatment goals, plan of care, and discharge.
   d. Participation of performance improvement and administrative activities as assigned in the Rehabilitation Unit.

2. KUMC Burn Center (0.25 FTE). The fellow will provide service to the Burn Center as follows:
   a. Perform initial psychological and neuropsychological evaluations of inpatients in the inpatient Burn Center who are referred for neurorehabilitation psychology services. Evaluations can include but are not limited to interviewing patient and family members, assessing coping, mood, and pain management, and performing cognitive screens where necessary. Review of pertinent medical records and discussions with relevant medical/ancillary services personnel are also expected. Initial report is entered into EMR.
   b. Ongoing individual psychotherapy and cognitive screening of patients as needed and appropriate.
   c. Participation in once weekly Burn Center team staff meetings to review patients’ progress and determine treatment goals, plan of care, and discharge.
   d. Participation in monthly Burn Center Survivor Support Group meetings as appropriate.
   e. Participation of performance improvement and administrative activities as assigned in the Rehabilitation Unit.

3. KUMC Trauma Units (0.15 FTE). The fellow will provide service to the Trauma/Surgery Units and Inpatient Neurorehabilitation Psychology Consultation Service as follows:
   a. Perform initial psychological and neuropsychological evaluations of inpatients on the Trauma/Surgery units who are referred for neurorehabilitation psychology services. Evaluations can include but are not limited to interviewing patient and family members,
assessing coping, mood, and pain management, and performing cognitive screens where necessary. Review of pertinent medical records and discussions with relevant medical/ancillary services personnel are also expected. Initial report is entered into EMR.

b. Ongoing individual psychotherapy and cognitive screening of patients as needed and appropriate.

4. KUMC Department of Psychiatry (0.10 FTE). The fellow will provide service to the KUMC Department of Psychiatry as follows:
   a. Supervision of psychology interns and practicum students on a limited basis, specific to the fellow’s other areas of responsibility;
   b. Formal teaching in the Psychiatry Resident and Psychology Didactic series

5. Involvement in the design and execution of research, as initiated either by the fellow or by faculty from the Department of Psychiatry, Rehabilitation Medicine, or other departments.

Qualifications

Education: Doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology from an APA-accredited program.

Experience: Candidate has extensive experience working in medical settings, focusing on psychological and cognitive assessment and intervention with individuals with various medical disorders. Some experience in working with people with disabilities and/or rehabilitation populations (traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, or burn) is preferred.

Physical/Mental Demands

Combination of sitting, standing and walking. Occasional stress in balancing multiple demands and in dealing with patients/families experiencing tension.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

Applications are sought from qualified persons regardless of race, religion, color, sex, disability, veteran’s status, national origin, sexual preference, age or ancestry.