



OUTPATIENT CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM TRAINING PROGRAM – SPANISH SPEAKING

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center
Department of Health Services – Los Angeles County

ABOUT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is a 150 bed hospital specializing in acute physical rehabilitation and medical treatment arising from complications to disabling conditions. We are located in the city of Downey, near 710 and 105 freeways. Rancho is one of six hospitals and medical centers operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. It is also a major training center for allied health professionals from across the nation.

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Under the supervision of board-certified neuropsychologist, Dr. Virginia Zuverza-Chavarria, selected student will conduct neuropsychological assessments in Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Neuropsychology Outpatient Clinic.

Clientele:

- Spanish speaking adult patients with epilepsy, brain injury, stroke, and other neurological disorders.
- Patients need neuropsychological evaluation for treatment and surgical planning.
- Population is culturally diverse and ranges in age from 16-90.

Diagnostic Categories: Full range but may include:

- Neurocognitive Disorders (of multiple etiologies including stroke, brain injury, etc.)
- Mood Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Adjustment Disorders
- Psychotic Disorders
- Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders
- Personality Disorders
- Mental Disorders due to a General Medical Condition.

Activities: Student will receive training in how to conduct a thorough clinical interview, administer and score neuropsychological tests, conceptualize cases, integrate multiple sources of data, write comprehensive reports with recommendations, and give feedback to patients and medical providers. The training and supervision approach is guided by recommendations for practicum training put forth by the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology ([Official Position of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology \(AACN\): Guidelines for Practicum Training in Clinical Neuropsychology - AACN \(theaacn.org\)](https://www.theaacn.org/))

Supervision: We provide a high level of direct supervision. Supervisor provides direct face-to-face individual supervision each day student is on grounds. We have one supervisor Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology and three Board Certified Rehabilitation Psychologists and other staff that specialize in neuropsychological assessment who can provide back-up supervision if needed.

Special Requirements: Advanced student with interest and coursework in neuropsychological testing. As majority of patients seen in Neuropsychology Outpatient Clinic are Spanish speaking, student must be bilingual and able to conduct neuropsychological evaluations in both Spanish and English.

Openings Available: We have one opening for the Neuropsychology Assessment Spanish Track. We are a Captive Site/Early Placement and can only accept trainees from Fuller Theological Seminary, University of La Verne, Azusa Pacific University and Pepperdine University.

Start and End Dates (Approximate): 9/1/2024 - 8/31/2025 **Hours:** 16 – 24 hours per week

Number of Direct Client Hours Per Week: 4-6

Mandatory Hours: Mandatory didactic/group supervision occurs on Thursdays.

Scheduling: Students must commit to a minimum of two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday. Student will also need to attend Thursday didactics. Hospital hours are Monday – Friday from 7 am – 5 pm.

COVID-19 & Outpatient Clinical Services: Trainees are not assigned to work with patients who are known to be COVID+. Didactic trainings and staff meetings are held in person following hospital recommended COVID precautions. All staff are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when on campus. Staff that provide clinical services/direct patient care are provided with a daily surgical mask to be used when working with patients; goggles and face shields are also available for any staff who wish to use them. Our department follows hospital guidelines as recommended by Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and Public Health and may change as the pandemic progresses.

APPLICATION PROCESS

We are a Captive site/Early Placement. Applicants must be approved by school's Director of Clinical Training in order to apply. Approved students must send/email:

- 1) Curriculum Vita
- 2) Letter of Interest
- 3) Two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be sent/emailed directly from the author to the Director of Training /contact at Rancho Los Amigos.

Incomplete applications will not be considered for interview.

Students who agree to interview at our site, are not obligated to accept an offer.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS) REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Livescan (fingerprint clearance by FBI and DOJ) to be completed at Rancho Los Amigos
- 2) Health Clearance that entails (note costs borne by the student and to be completed by student's own physician using forms provided by DHS):
 - a. A physical and up-to-date vaccinations
 - b. Fit test

- c. 2 TB tests
- d. COVID vaccination

This will all need to be completed early summer before start date in September. Additionally, in September students must complete DHS required trainings for new employees/volunteers such as New Employee Orientation and Electronic Medical Record (i.e., ORCHID) training. All requirements must be completed before students can begin seeing patients.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024

Notification Date: Friday, February 09, 2024

SEND APPLICATIONS TO

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