

Neuropsychologist Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct brain scan to diagnose a neurological disorder
- Recommend and proffer a treatment plan for a neuropsychological problem
- Carry out psychotherapy, behavior therapy and counseling to resolve a psychological issue
- Determine the psychological and neurological status of a suspect when required during a court case
- Assist medical doctors to gain better understanding of a neurological problem in order to take appropriate steps
- Engage in research to develop new approach/methods of neurological treatment
- Update patients on their mental health condition, as well as provide them expert advice on how to recover
- Treat various neuropsychological illnesses such as Parkinson's disease, metabolic disease, and seizure disorders
- Supervise and guide the activities of psychology trainees and interns
- Design and implement rehabilitation strategies for patients with cognitive challenges
- Conduct interviews and surveys to obtain information as to the medical background of a patient
- Perform diagnostic tests to differentiate a neurogenic disorder from a psychogenic ailment
- Establish standards for tracking the recovery progress of a patient
- Participate in workshops and conferences where innovations and developments in neuropsychology are made
- Educate and instruct psychology majors in an academic setting.

Neuropsychologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Education and Training: To become a neuropsychologist, you are required to obtain an undergraduate degree in psychology or in a

related discipline such that allows transition to a Master's degree studies in neuropsychology or neurosciences, and subsequently a doctorate degree (Psy.D.) in neuropsychology. You will also embark on a year internship in a hospital or research setting, after which you will be required to pass the Examination for Professional Practice to obtain license for practice. Neuropsychologists may also be mandated to obtain various other certifications, such as the American Board of Professional Psychology award

- People Skills: Neuropsychologists are people-oriented and have compassion for patients with neurological problems
- Critical Thinking Skills: They are able to reach logical conclusions from the results of tests and interviews administered
- Communication Skills: As one of the main qualities, neuropsychologists are able to orally interact with patients to obtain details of the condition. They are also good in writing reports and producing results on paper
- Observational Skill: They are keen observers and are quick to identify neurological symptoms.