

# Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry Fellowship

The UNMC BNNP Fellowship is a one-year clinical fellowship where a majority of the BNNP fellow's time is spent in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry outpatient clinics. There are additional clinical experiences and educational modules in Neuropsychology, Neuroradiology, Neuropathology, Neurophysiology, Functional Neuroanatomy, Neuropharmacology and inpatient Neuropsychiatry consult exposure. In addition, the BNNP fellow will participate in multidisciplinary outpatient clinics focused on Geriatric Assessment, and for patients with Parkinson's Disease and Huntington's Disease.

After successful completion of the one-year clinical fellowship, BNNP graduates would be eligible to sit for the UCNS BNNP board exam to become BNNP board certified. If BNNP fellows are interested in an academic career in BNNP, then there is an opportunity to pursue a second year of fellowship training at UNMC, where a majority of the fellows time would be focused on academic pursuits.

## Fellowship Tracks

**Clinical Track – Year 1:** This track is geared toward developing clinical skills in BNNP beyond those achieved during residency. Fellows are trained to practice independently in the subspecialty of BNNP.

**Academic Track – Year 2:** This track is geared toward developing clinical, research, and teaching skills in BNNP. In addition to the clinical training necessary to practice independently, fellows will also develop skills in research and education necessary for their success in an academic environment. Possible inclusion on the faculty at the level of instructor will be considered for the second year.



## What We Offer

- A collegial team, nurturing environment, and faculty dedicated to your success
- Access to a large number of patients with a very wide variety of BNNP conditions
- A structured curriculum with 3 hours per week of BNNP lectures and educational sessions
- Free nights and weekends, with no call
- Memory Disorders Clinic seeing patients with acquired causes of cognitive impairment and dementia, especially neurodegenerative diseases
- Neuropsychiatry Clinic seeing patients with psychiatric symptoms related to epilepsy, MS, stroke, movement disorders, and other neurologic conditions
- Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic seeing older adults with psychiatric symptoms from a variety of causes in both the ambulatory and long-term care setting
- Tele-Geropsychiatry Service providing remote consultations to patients with psychiatric problems
- Neuropsychology Clinic providing neuropsychological testing and assessments of patients with a variety of conditions causing cognitive impairment.
- Access to “state of the art” brain imaging for both clinical evaluations and research, including brain MRI, MEG, SPECT (DaTScan) and PET imaging (FDG, amyloid and tau PET).
- Multiple research opportunities, including clinical trials in Alzheimer’s disease; BNNP imaging research studies with fMRI, MEG, OCT, & TCD; Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) treatment trials to enhance cognition; and, research involving “real world” measures of cognition and function in the Mind and Brain Health Lab

## Facilities and Patients

The Nebraska Medicine Memory Disorder Clinic, Neuropsychiatry Clinic and Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic provide high-quality subspecialty care in modern settings with a team of support staff to facilitate patient visits. In addition, fellows will make rounds at long-term care facilities in Omaha with core teaching faculty and participate in Tele-Psychiatry visits to geriatric patients across the region. Nebraska Medicine is a regional referral destination for a large number of patients with BNNP conditions due to the availability of subspecialty expertise and high quality care for patients with BNNP conditions.

## Structured Curriculum

The BNNP curriculum includes over twelve hours of formal lectures and conferences each month including the Neuropsychology & BNNP Fellows Seminar, Neurology Grand Rounds, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, BNNP Journal Club, Mind & Brain Health and CoNDA Research Seminars, and Dementia Case Conference. Each year, the BNNP curriculum will cover the core curriculum defined by the United Council of Neurologic Subspecialties for BNNP.

## Core Faculty



**Dr. Dan Murman** is Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical and Translational Research in the UNMC Department of Neurological Sciences. He is board certified in Neurology through the APBN and subspecialty certified in BNNP and Geriatric Neurology through UCNS. Dr. Murman is the BNNP fellowship director and directs the Memory Disorder Clinic at Nebraska Medicine. He is the site-PI for several clinical trials for subjects with Alzheimer's disease and is involved in clinical and translational research involving patients with neurodegenerative dementias.



**Dr. Amelia Nelson Sheese** is an Assistant Professor and Neuropsychology Division Chief in the UNMC Department of Neurological Sciences. Dr. Nelson Sheese is board certified in Clinical Neuropsychology through the ABPP. She is the program director of the UNMC Neuropsychology Post-Doctoral Fellowship program, which involves curriculum development, didactic teaching, clinical supervision and evaluations of the fellows in this program. Dr. Nelson Sheese provides neuropsychological evaluations of a variety of patients in the Neuropsychology Clinic and other clinical settings, including evaluations that are part of multidisciplinary teams in Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease and Geriatrics at Nebraska Medicine.



**Dr. Thomas Magnuson** is an Associate Professor in the UNMC Department of Psychiatry. He is board certified in Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry through the ABPN. Dr. Magnuson has received multiple teaching awards for medical student and resident education. He has been a leader in developing a Tele-Psychiatry consultation service for Geriatric Psychiatry at Nebraska Medicine, is an active provider and outpatient clinic educator in the Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic, and directs the Nebraska Medicine Neuropsychiatry Clinic.



**Dr. Steven Wengel** is a Professor and Division Chief for Geriatric Psychiatry in the UNMC Department of Psychiatry. He is also the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Wellness for UNMC and the University of Nebraska Omaha. Dr. Wengel is board certified in Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry through the ABPN. He has received teaching awards for his resident teaching. Dr. Wengel provides clinical care for outpatients in the UNMC Geriatric Psychiatry Clinic and nursing home Geriatric Psychiatry evaluations for patients living in nursing homes in Omaha.



**Dr. Matthew Rizzo** is Professor and Chair of the UNMC Department of Neurological Sciences. He is board certified in Neurology and fellowship trained in Behavioral Neurology and Cognitive Neurosciences. Dr. Rizzo is the principal investigator of the NIH-funded Great Plains IDeA-Clinical and Translational Research grant and has been continually NIH-funded for his research throughout his career. Dr. Rizzo directs the Mind and Brain Health Lab, which conducts translational research on older adults by measuring behavior, performance, and physiology in the laboratory and in "real world" situations, such as driving an automobile. Dr. Rizzo evaluates and treats patients in the Memory Disorders Clinic at Nebraska Medicine.





## About UNMC

The University of Nebraska Medical Center has six colleges, two institutes and a graduate studies program, serving nearly 4,000 students in more than two dozen programs.

UNMC house officers enjoy generous benefits including 20 working days of paid vacation, professional leave with pay for approved meetings, comprehensive group health coverage, tuition credit of 15 credit hours/year for themselves and immediate family, and a strong emphasis on health and wellness. Current salaries are listed below. BNNP fellows will start as an HOV or higher, depending on prior education and experience.

### 2021-2022 House Officer Salaries

HOI:	\$59,570
HOII:	\$61,776
HOIII:	\$64,293
HOIV:	\$66,585
HOV:	\$68,916
HOVI:	\$71,141
HOVII:	\$74,472
HOVIII:	\$78,472

## About Omaha

Omaha is consistently ranked one of the three best cities to live in the U.S. Our cost of living is well below the national average, and our residents enjoy affordable housing, great public schools, a thriving economy, short commutes, and a low crime rate.

Omaha is also a fun place to live. We have a four- season climate, a thriving indie music scene, great restaurants, and enough cultural, sports, outdoors, and arts and entertainment activities to suit almost any tastes. Omaha is the home of the NCAA College World Series, the world-class Henry Doorly Zoo, the Omaha Performing Arts Holland Center, the Lauritzen Gardens Botanical Center, and numerous parks, trails, museums and theaters.



## How to Apply

UNMC BNNP fellows need to have successfully completed an ACGME-approved residency program in either Neurology or Psychiatry prior to starting the fellowship.

If you meet this requirement and are interested in applying to the UNMC BNNP Fellowship Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3uFslKo>

*UNMC is an equal opportunity employer. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.*