Master (MSc) in Clinical Neuropsychology

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No association between fibrosis on magnetic resonance imaging at return to play and hamstring reinjury risk. Am J Sports Med. 2015 May;43(5):1228-34; Reurink G et al.
CNP: behavioral consequences of (organic/functional) brain dysfunction: assessment, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation

Organic brain disorders

- Genetic and neurodevelopmental disorders
  - mental retardation, ADHD, dyslexia, Angelman, Prader-Willie syndrome
- Cerebrovasculopathy / CVA
- Traumatic brain injury
- Neurointoxication
  - alcohol, solvents, drugs
- Psychiatric disorders
  - depression, anxiety, schizophrenia
- Neurodegeneration
  - Lewy body disease, Parkinson’s, Huntington’s, Alzheimer’s disease
- Other
  - HIV, tumor cerebri, epilepsy, (metabolic) encephalopathy, brain infection, hydrocephalus, radiation

Functional brain disorders

Psychopathology

Clinical relevance: 1 out of 5 people will suffer from brain disease!

(Neuro)psychological impairments

- cognition
  - attention and concentration problems
  - amnesia
  - aphasia
  - agnosia, apraxia
  - executive disfunction
- emotional status
  - anxiety, depression
- behavior
  - apathy, disinhibition
  - delusion, hallucinations
  - personality change
  - sensory, motor and autonomic nervous system disturbances

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Role and value of clinical neuropsychology

- **Fundamental (clinical) research** of normal and pathological brain/behavior relationships
- **Selection and description of (patient) study populations** (*cognitive genetics, fenotyping*)
- **Research, development and evaluation of (clinical) research instruments** (validation, reliability, applicability, normative data)
- **Contribution to medical diagnostic work-up**: assessment of neuropsychological dysfunction indicative for organic brain disease
- **(Neuro)psychological function analysis**: description of neuropsychological impairments and their consequences for daily functioning
- **(Neuro)psychological interventions**: treatment of patients with cognitive and/or behavioral disorders as result of (organic) brain disease (*cognitive rehabilitation*)
- **Quantitative evaluation** of (non)pharmacological interventions
NEW EARLY ALERT

Alzheimer’s Home Screening Test

Early detection can lead to early treatment and improved quality of life.

- Self-administered
- Painless and non-invasive
- Simple and easy to use
- Results in 5 minutes

Have you ever wondered?

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CNP program (60 EC)

>>> entry requirement: BA Psychology with Kolb & Wishaw Neuropsychology

- **Courses (20 EC):**
  - Adult and old-age Clinical Neuropsychology: theory (5 EC) & practice (5 EC)
  - Child Clinical Neuropsychology: theory (5 EC) & practice (5 EC)
  - Intervention strategies in clinical neuropsychology (5 EC)
  - Innovations in clinical neuropsychology (5 EC)

- **Thesis (20 EC)**

- **Internship (20 EC) or 10 ECTS internship and 10 ECTS elective courses (e.g. A&O or Child Clinical neuropsychology theory)**
Course content (60 EC)

Key issues

*Brain/behavior relationships*: how does the healthy and impaired brain function? (neuro(patho)(physio)logy, modelling, development and implementation of methods/instruments)

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- Lifespan: child, adult, old-age clinical neuropsychology
- Genetics, neuropathology, functional neuroanatomy, brain (patho)physiology
- Diagnostic work-up and treatment of major neurological and psychiatric disorders (mental status examination, DNA testing, MRI, EEG, psychopharmacology etc.)
- Neuro(psycho)logical disorders: developmental, acute, reversible, degenerative
- Clinical neuropsychology: diagnostics, prognostics, treatment and rehabilitation
- Evidenced-based and multidisciplinary approach
- Professional and medical ethical issues

Assessment & Intervention skills (patient and/or care giver)

- Indicating, observation, history taking, (neuro)psychological examination > etiological, functional diagnosis and treatment options
- Neuropsychological interventions: psycho-education, cognitive-, behavioral- and system therapy, case management, neurorehabilitation (strategy and function), neuro feedback
- E–diagnostics, E-psychotherapy, E-function training, E-care giver management
Thesis: memory activation and EEG in Alzheimer’s disease
Master thesis topics (20 EC)

- Smaller grey matter and brainstem volumes associated with diminished cognitive performance in children with Duchenne muscular dystrophy: a pilot study
- Depression six months after aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage
- Cardiovascular disease load and cerebral small vessel disease in cognitive profiles in Alzheimer patients
- Irritability and executive functioning in Huntington’s disease
- The association between prenatal cannabis use and visual spatial processes in six to eight year old children
- In vivo magnetic resonance imaging of amyloid-B deposition in patients with probable Alzheimer’s disease
- Effectiveness of the Patient Education Program for patients with manifest Huntington’s disease
- Patient satisfaction at the LUMC department of Neuro Intensive Care
- Need for psychosocial treatment of patients with Parkinson’s disease
- The effect of sleep deprivation on cognitive flexibility in rats
- Cognitive functioning in Rheumatoid Arthritis

- Check PUBMED for professor Middelkoop’s clinical research projects at the Department of Neurology & Clinical Neuropsychology of the LUMC: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=middelkoop-ha
Clinical practice: the neuropsychological examination
A students perspective...

- **Courses:**
  - Adult and old-age Clinical Neuropsychology: theory & practice
  - Clinical neuropsychological interventions: theory & practice
  - Elective: Child Clinical Neuropsychology: theory
  - Elective: Trainers Course Communication Skills (HP)

- **Thesis:**
  The association between orthostatic hypotension and cognition in a 75+ population on antihypertensive medication*
  

*LUMC departments Neuropsychology, Neuroradiology, General Practice, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Neurology

- **Internship:**
  Neuro-feedback: diagnostic work-up and training
  
  *Brain Center Amsterdam*
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- Leiden Neuropsychology master is uniquely linked with patient care and clinical research
- Neuropsychology across the life-span: child, adult and old-age Neuropsychology
- Diagnostics *and* interventions.
- Teaching by clinically active and qualified neuropsychologists
- Outstanding facilities (LUMC <-> FSW)
- Oldest and largest Neuropsychology department in the NL
- Leiden University= research intensive and ‘intimate’ top university
- Wanna be a Student for a day? Go to the sign up desk in the Central Hall!

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Any questions?