**Project Description:** The primary project is a 5-year VA Merit Review funded study examining the efficacy of manualized group based cognitive rehabilitation interventions for older adults with mild cognitive impairment (MCI). The study involves an 8-week group (2 hours per week), and cognitive assessments before, during and after the intervention. Study personnel will also assist the Principal Investigator with other research projects and tasks.

**Health Technician (GS-7 or GS-9) - Clinical Research Assistant/Study Therapist (Full-time: 0.75 – 1.0 FTE, 32 - 40 hours per week)**
- Independently conducts two types of manualized, group-based, cognitive rehabilitation interventions for older adult Veterans with mild cognitive impairment (MCI). One intervention entails introducing strategies and aids that help adults manage difficulties with attention, memory, and executive function (organization, planning, and problem-solving); motivational interviewing, mindfulness and lifestyle strategies are also included. The other intervention involves supportive contact and goal reinforcement (i.e., a support group). Training will be provided to the Study Therapist on both interventions. Interventions must be administered according to study protocols to ensure study fidelity, so experience with manualized treatments is preferred.
- Interventions are 8-10 weeks long, 2 hours per week. The Study Therapist will typically conduct one or two groups per week, plus room set up, close down, and medical chart note entries.
- At times, manages difficult patient behaviors, psychiatric symptoms, or crises. Works with the Principal Investigator and other medical and mental health providers to appropriately address these patient needs as they arise.
- Coordinates and communicates well with principal investigators, other research team members, institutional offices, recruitment sites, and participants to accomplish protocol objectives.
- May at times co-facilitate groups with another provider or a clinical student/trainee.
- Depending on skill set, interest, and time, may contribute toward manuscript and abstract/poster submissions as co-author, or grant submissions.
- Coordinates and manages human subject recruitment, eligibility screening, and data collection for study protocols so that studies remain on track in terms of study timelines and recruitment goals.
- Independently conducts study visits and administers neuropsychological assessment batteries with human participants in accordance with study protocols, institutional policies, and ethical and safety standards. Study visits include informed consent, a structured clinical interview, chart review, symptom questionnaires, and a battery of cognitive assessment measures (paper-pencil tests that assess an individual’s attention, memory, problem-solving and other thinking abilities). Thus, clinical research experience is preferred.
- Study visits will include structured clinical interviews to assess medical and psychiatric history; thus, clinical or clinical research experience with psychiatric and medical populations is preferred.
- Study visits will entail a comprehensive neuropsychological testing battery, so experience with neuropsychological test administration and scoring (e.g., as a psychodiagnostician for clinicians or researchers) is preferred.
- Supervises organizational and administrative aspects of the research studies and maintains subject databases.
- Maintains protocols, consent forms and related documents; serves as IRB liaison.
- Manages inventory and orders supplies; budget monitoring and management.
- Other administrative tasks as needed.
- Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Experience with power point, access, and statistics preferred.
- This position is for a licensed mental health provider, such as a psychologist, counselor or social worker who has the clinical training and experience necessary to independently provide clinical services, including group therapy, to older Veterans with mild cognitive problems and other medical and psychiatric comorbidities. Alternatively, an early career mental health provider who is working toward licensure will be considered and can practice under the supervision of the Principal Investigator who is a licensed psychologist.
- Clinical or clinical research experience with older adult populations, group psychotherapy, motivational interviewing, mindfulness approaches, and manualized psychotherapies is preferred.