

Cecilie Rask Buskbjerg, MSc, PhD, and board-certified psychologist (Danish: Clinical authorization), is a postdoc at the Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Aarhus University and psychologist at the Department of Oncology at Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus Denmark. Research areas cover aspects of clinical psychology, cognitive psychology, health psychology, neuropsychology, and intervention optimization.

Current research activities include projects on cognitive impairment after treatment for cancer, including the development of a self-administered online neuropsychological test battery, and projects evaluating the efficacy of family-based neuropsychological rehabilitation for children and adults, respectively, treated for brain tumors. Other research activities include the use of the Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) for optimizing psychological treatment for pain after breast cancer, projects concerned with cognitive functioning in patients with sex chromosome abnormalities, a project concerned with treatment of fear of cancer recurrence in cancer caregivers, and several meta-analyses concerned with the efficacy of psychological interventions.

Cecilie conducts her research in close collaboration with both national and international collaborators. She has established and maintained contact with the latter during her research stays abroad, including at the Netherlands Cancer Institute (The Netherlands), the Mindfulness Research Centre at Radboud University (The Netherlands), and New York University School of Global Public Health (USA).

Cecilie has extensive teaching experience, having served as the course manager for a 15 ECTS master's seminar titled 'Clinical Neuropsychology' and instructor in various research methodology seminars. She has provided supervision for several bachelor's and master's theses, two research internships, and currently serves as a co-supervisor for a PhD student.

Education

2024: Clinical authorization, The Danish Supervisory Board of Psychological Practice

2017-2020: PhD in Psychology, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University

2015-2017: MSc in Psychology, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University

2012-2015: BSc in Psychology, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University

Positions

2022-present: Psychologist, Department of Oncology, Aarhus University Hospital (50%)

2020-present: Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (100% from 2020-2022, 50% since 2022)

2024-2025: Maternity leave (April 2024-January 2025)

2021-2022: Maternity leave (June 2021-May 2022)

2017-2020: PhD fellow, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University

2014-2017: Research assistant, Department of Nuclear Medicine & PET-Centre, Aarhus University Hospital

2013-2017: Research assistant, Unit for Psychooncology and Health Psychology, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University: 10 different research projects. Chairman for research assistants 2015-2017

Research stays abroad

2023: New York University School of Global Public Health, NYC, USA (1 month)

2023: Mindfulness Research Centre, Radboud University, The Netherlands (2 weeks)

2020: The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (3 months)

2017: Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA (2 weeks)

External funding received as principal investigator (PI)

2024: 1,690,000 DKK Danish Cancer Society

2023:	581,000 DKK	Health Research Fund of Central Region Denmark
2023:	50,000 DKK	Einar Willumsens Mindelegat
2021:	10,000 DKK	Carl & Ellen Hertz Videnskabslegat
2020:	40,000 DKK	CC Klestrup's Mindelegat
2020:	23,5000 DKK	The Danish Cancer Society
2020:	15,000 DKK	Einar Willumsens Mindelegat
2020:	18,376 DKK	The Danish Cancer Society
2020:	80,000 DKK	Einar Willumsens Mindelegat
2020:	8,500 DKK	William Demant Fonden
2019:	100,000 DKK	Aase & Ejnar Danielsens Fond
2019:	15,000 DKK	Christian og Ottilia Brorsons Rejselegat
2019:	40,000 DKK	A.P. Møller Fonden
2019:	10,000 DKK	Helga & Peter Kornings Fond
2019:	10,000 DKK	Wedell Wedellborgs Fond
2018:	10,000 DKK	Helga & Peter Kornings Fond
2017:	10,000 DKK	Wedell Wedellborgs Fond
2016:	3,500 DKK	William Demant Fonden

Conference presentations

2023: Danish Breast Cancer Group (DBCG) Seminar, Middelfart, Denmark

2023: 10th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Psychosomatic Medicine (AEPM), Wroclaw, Poland

2020: 7th Biennial International Cognition & Cancer Task Force (ICCTF) Conference, Denver, United States

2019: IPOS - The 21st World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, Banff, Canada

2018: ICCTF Cognition and Cancer Conference, Sydney, Australia

2018: The 15th International Congress of Behavioral Medicine (ICBM), Santiago, Chile

2018: The European Cancer Rehabilitation & Survivorship Symposium (ECRS), Copenhagen, Denmark

2018: The Second National Conference about Psychosocial Cancer Research, Hindsgavl, Denmark

2017: Neuroscience Day, NeuroCampus Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark

2016: 2016th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, Dublin, Ireland

Teaching

2024-2025: "Neuroscientific Psychology" (Elective seminar), BSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (5 ECTS)

2023 and 2025: "Clinical Neuropsychology - Assessment & Rehabilitation" (Elective seminar), MSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (15 ECTS)

2017-2022: Examiner in "Clinical Psychology", MSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10 ECTS)

2018: "Research Methods 3 - Quantitative Methods", BSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10 ECTS)

2018: "Research Methodology IV - Plan a Research Project", MSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10 ECTS)

2018-2019: "Research Methodology I - Statistics", BSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10 ECTS)

2017-2018: "Theory practice seminar", MSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (5 ECTS)

2014-2016: Student Instructor - I) "Social & Personality Psychology", II) "Cognitive Psychology", III) "Developmental Psychology", IV) "Research Methods II - Qualitative Research", BSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10-20 ECTS)

Supervision

2025: Two bachelor's theses, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (10 ECTS)

2023-present: Co-supervisor of PhD project: MSc Caroline Cecilie Nørskov

2022 and 2025: Research internship, MSc, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (15 ECTS)

2019-2021: Three master's theses, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (30 ECTS)

Post-graduate training

2024: Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) Training; Center for Advancement and Dissemination of Intervention Optimization (CADIO), New York School of Global Public Health, New York, United States (4 days)

2023: University Pedagogical Programme, Centre for Educational Learning (CED), Aarhus University (150 hours)

2023: Danish Neuropsychological Association (SDN) Annual Meeting: Neuropsychology and Psychotherapy, Nyborg, Denmark (2 days)

2021: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Kognitiv Terapi Center, Aarhus (30 hours)

2020: Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Faculty of Health, Aarhus University (2.8 ECTS)

2019: Introduction to Bayesian Inference, Department of Psychology, University of Copenhagen (5 ECTS)

2018: Intermediate Statistics, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (12 ECTS)

2017: Statistical Analysis of Research Data, Department of Psychology, University of Copenhagen (7.5 ECTS)

2017: Academic Writing, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (5 ECTS)

2017: Introduction to Quantitative Research Methodology, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences, Aarhus University (5 ECTS)

2016: Compassion Focused Therapy, the Neurorehabilitation Centre, Aarhus Municipality (2 days)

2016: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Kognitiv Terapi Center, Aarhus (3 days)

Honors & committees

2023-present: Member of working group for creating national clinical guidelines for assessment and treatment of cancer-related cognitive impairment appointed by the regions' clinical quality development program (RKKP)

2023: Danish Breast Cancer Group (DBCG) Seminar, member of working group 8: "Follow-up/Compliance/Vulnerable groups"

2023: Management Collaboration Committee (LSU), member and representative of the "GAP group" (postdocs and assistant professors)

2020-present: European Cancer and Cognition Consortium (ECCC), member

2018-2019: The University Section of the Danish Psychological Association, board member

2018: "PhD Day": An annual event for PhD students in Psychology in Denmark, member of planning committee

2018: Nominated by the Danish Neuropsychological Society and elected by the Federation of European Society of Neuropsychology (FESN) to participate in the "2018 FESN Autumn School", Berlin, Germany

Professional affiliations

Circadian Psychology & Sleep Research Group; Danish Psychological Association; Danish Psycho-Oncology Cooperative Group (DPOC); Danish Neuropsychology Society (SDN); European Cancer and Cognition Consortium (ECCC); Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS)