



PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITY

NEUROPSYCHIATRY CLINIC

We are accepting applications for an advanced/senior clinical psychology practicum in the Neuropsychiatry Clinic with a primary focus on evidence-based treatment for children/youth with mental health concerns in the context of neurodevelopmental conditions, such as autism, intellectual disability, and/or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Opportunities primarily include individual treatment and some group-based interventions. Supervision will be provided by Registered Psychologists on staff in the clinic.

This practicum is 10 to 12 months in duration starting in September for 2 days/week (likely Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with some flexibility).

The specific focus of the practicum and level of independence will depend on the trainee's interest and experience. Practicum activities may include some the following:

- ✓ Providing behavioural parenting intervention for caregivers of children exhibiting mild to moderate disruptive behaviour in the context of a neurodevelopmental condition
- ✓ Providing behavioural treatment for tics (i.e., CBIT, Habit Reversal Therapy) for typically-developing and/or neurodiverse children/youth
- ✓ Learning to adapt CBT for children/youth with neuro-developmental conditions (e.g., autism, intellectual disability, FASD) targeting any of the following mental health concerns:
 - Anxiety
 - Obsessive-compulsive disorder
 - Body-focused repetitive behaviours
- ✓ Observing and/or co-facilitating sleep workshops for parents of children with neuropsychiatric conditions, including individual sleep consultation sessions
- ✓ Observing and/or co-facilitating other workshops or groups for pediatric neuropsychiatric populations (depending on availability)
- ✓ Observing clinical services provided by other members of the inter-disciplinary team (i.e., OT, SLP, Social Workers, Psychiatrists, Behaviour Analyst)
- ✓ Observing inter-disciplinary assessments in the Self-Injurious Behaviour Clinic and participating in case discussions

- ✓ Administering, scoring, and interpreting standardized clinical measures (e.g., questionnaires, structured clinical interviews) adapted for use with pediatric neuropsychiatric populations
- ✓ Opportunities for conducting diagnostic and/or psychoeducational assessments (including report-writing) may be available on a limited basis
- ✓ Participating in weekly individual and/or group supervision with a psychologist
- ✓ Participating in weekly Neuropsychiatry Clinic Rounds, including interdisciplinary discussion of complex cases
- ✓ Documenting clinical services using electronic health records
- ✓ Attending other didactic training opportunities such as Psychiatry Rounds, Psychology Rounds, Ethics Rounds, Pediatric Grand Rounds, as relevant

Minimum requirements:

- Current enrollment in a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology
- Completion of at least 1 course in therapy
- Completion of at least 1 course in child development

Preferred training/experience:

- Coursework and/or practical experience in cognitive-behavioural therapy and/or behavioural therapy
- Experience and/or training in working with children with neurodevelopmental conditions, such as autism, intellectual disability, and/or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

Interested students are asked to submit a cover letter outlining their interests, CV, and two letters of reference to:

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