

# Surrey Place Psychology Practicum Training Brochure

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## OVERVIEW

Surrey Place is a community-based organization that provides a range of specialized clinical services for people with intellectual developmental disorder, autism spectrum disorder, and visual impairments. We are dedicated to helping every client reach their potential at every life stage. Clients are served within an interdisciplinary team which consists of psychologists, developmental pediatricians, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, behaviour therapists, social workers, physical therapists, and service coordinators.

For the 2024-2025 year, positions will be available within the **Children and Youth Program**.

Population		Services	
Children	✓	Assessment	
Adolescents	✓	Intervention	✓
Adults		Consultation	

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM (AGES 6-18 YEARS)

Psychology practicum students will work under the direct supervision of registered psychologists to provide a range of psychological services to children and youth (ages 6-18) with an intellectual developmental disorder. Clients' presenting issues include things such as anxiety, depression, self-esteem difficulties, interpersonal challenges, and family conflict. These issues are often compounded by cultural and familial diversities, history of neglect and child abuse, and/or socioeconomic considerations. Services are also available for family members, such as parents or siblings.

Psychological services offered include intervention, assessment, and consultation. Our treatment modality is mainly informed by a psychodynamic, attachment-based lens. Due to cognitive and verbal limitations, many of our clients benefit from play therapy, though talk therapy is utilized when appropriate. When suitable, we also incorporate aspects of other treatment modalities, such as cognitive-behavioural, emotion-focused family therapy, and acceptance and commitment therapy, all with modifications to best serve

the client. Opportunities for co-facilitating group intervention are available based on client needs and student interest. In addition to intervention, practicum students are also welcome to participate in psychological assessments conducted at Surrey Place, including as part of our Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) interdisciplinary diagnostic assessment team.

### **COVID-19 SERVICE PROVISION**

In-person services are gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels. However, services continue to be offered within a hybrid model, as informed by client needs and any relevant public health recommendations. It is expected that practicum students will be available to engage in in-person services and be on site at our downtown location.

### **TRAINING/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

In addition to direct client work, the practicum placement includes training opportunities such as weekly didactic seminars and group supervision, grand rounds, and centre-wide trainings (e.g., indigenous cultural awareness, applied suicide intervention skills, crisis prevention/intervention). Research opportunities may be possible through the Research, Evaluation, and Education Department (though this is not a component of the psychology practicum placement).

### **SUPERVISION**

Practicum students are assigned to a primary supervisor. Individual supervision is offered weekly for a minimum of one hour, with additional supervision as needed. All practicum students will also attend weekly group supervision. We have several psychologists in the Children & Youth Program who are available for support.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Practicum students are provided with a designated office space (shared with other psychology trainees), email address, and phone extension. Additionally, students are assigned a laptop to use for the duration of their placement.

### **PLACEMENT DURATION/TERM**

Services for the Children and Youth Program are generally structured around the school year. Thus, the practicum student's placement would normally begin in September and extend to the following June.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

The Children and Youth Program accepts only Ph.D. level candidates who have completed prior assessment-based practicum placement(s) and intervention course.

## PRACTICUM APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit your application this year is **February 1, 2024**

For more details, contact Dr. Odette Weiss, Ph.D., C.Psych. at 416-925-5141 ext. 2235 or [odette.weiss@surreyplace.ca](mailto:odette.weiss@surreyplace.ca).



## PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please complete your application one of these two ways:

- 1) Use the portal on our website: <https://www.surreyplace.ca/psychology-practicum>
- 2) Email your complete application package to Ms. Carolyn Lee-Jones, Surrey Place Education Coordinator at [carolyn.lee-jones@surreyplace.ca](mailto:carolyn.lee-jones@surreyplace.ca).

Application Materials:

- Completed copy of the "Practicum Application Face Sheet" (see below for hard copy, or if using the portal, it is built in)
- Cover letter outlining training goals and objectives
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- Two reference letters from supervisors familiar with your clinical work
- A sample (de-identified) clinical report

# **Practicum Application Face Sheet**

(Please attach to the front of your application)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Education: Current: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated (Sept 2024): \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Term of Placement:** (N.B.: Availability may vary from one age program to another; see brochure for further explanation)

Sept. 2024 to June 2025       Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Training Objective(s):  Intervention     Assessment     Both  
Note: In the 2024-2025 year, we will only offer an Intervention Practicum

Assessment course completed:  Yes     No  
(Prerequisite for assessment practicum)

Intervention course(s) completed:  Yes     No  
(Prerequisite for intervention practicum)

Please forward this application form with a cover letter, an up-to-date C.V., two letters of references and a sample report by February 1, 2024 to:

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