

Practicum Training Brochure

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OVERVIEW

Surrey Place is a community-based organization that provides a range of specialized clinical services including complex assessment, diagnostic assessment, intervention and consultation for individuals and their families living with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder. We are dedicated to helping every client reach his/her potential – at every stage in life. With highly skilled staff and dedicated teams, we are making a real difference through inspired leadership, service and research excellence, community collaboration and creative capacity building.



Note:

For the 2021-2022 year, a position will only be available within the Children and Youth Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly all psychology services have been offered virtually, which may be applicable for the upcoming placement depending on evolving public health recommendations.

Children and Youth Program (Ages 6 – 18)

Students will work under the direct supervision of registered psychologists to provide a range of clinical services to children and youth, between 6 to 18 years of age, and their families. The services include interventions (i.e., play therapy, individual or family therapy, group counselling, parents counselling), psychological assessment (i.e., psycho-educational, eligibility screening, diagnostic), and psychological consultation (to home, school or community agencies). Needs of the clients in this program are often very complex, compounded by cultural and familial diversities, history of neglect and abuse, and/or poverty. The clients are served within an interdisciplinary team which consists of psychologists, developmental paediatricians, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, audiologists, behaviour therapists and social workers. Students may also have an opportunity to work in a Fetal Alcohol

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Spectrum Disorder (FASD) interdisciplinary diagnostic assessment team, which would involve evaluation and identification of FASD in children and youth with intellectual disabilities, autistic spectrum disorder, and/or other types of developmental disorders. A variety of research opportunities are also available. For more details, contact Dr. Farrokh Sedighdeilami at 416-925-5141 ext. 2414 or farrokh.sedighdeilami@surreyplace.ca

Placement Duration/Term

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

Qualifications and Experience

Childhood and Children and Youth Programs accept Ph.D. level candidates only who have completed prior assessment-based practicum placement(s).

Practicum Site Information Sheet

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Types of Practicum Offered

Child Adult Both

Assessment Intervention Both

GENERAL INFORMATION

Surrey Place is a community-based organization that provides a range of specialized clinical services for people with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder. Psychology practicum students are offered the opportunity for placement in one of our three age programs offering services to individuals with developmental (intellectual) disabilities. Surrey Place has satellite offices in different areas of the city; however, practicum students would mainly work out of our central downtown office, a few steps from College street and University avenue. The specifics of training experiences (e.g., assessment versus intervention, start and finish dates, etc.) may vary from one age program to another. Prospective students wishing to obtain more information regarding potential placement with a particular age program are encouraged to contact the designated representative for each of the three age programs (see brochure).

Supervision

Practicum students are usually assigned to one supervisor. Individual face-to-face supervision is typically offered once a week for an hour, but on site/on the spot supervision frequently takes place throughout the course of the training. There are also opportunities for group learning and supervision involving other psychology trainees and supervising psychologists in the centre.

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Training & Research Opportunities

Yes (but not offered as part of practicum training)

PRACTICUM APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Application Procedure

- Completion of the “Practicum Application Face Sheet”
- Cover letter outlining training goals and objectives
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two reference letters
- A sample clinical report

Note: Applications should be submitted to the Education Coordinator, not to the individual clinical supervisors – see application Face Sheet).