

**Fife House, Linkage to Care Program**

Location: 490 Sherbourne Street

Year 1 Practicum

Dates: January 10- May 31, 2024

**Practicum for students who identify as IBPOC and/or 2SLGBTQIA+ community members living with HIV**

**Please provide a description of the practicum site and student activities:**

The Linkage to Care Program provides intensive case management for people living with HIV, prioritizing community members who identify as Indigenous, Black and Persons of Colour (IBPOC). The program recognizes that people face many challenges in trying to navigate the complex systems of immigration, criminal justice, poverty, addictions and mental health, gendered violence, generational trauma, and forced displacement on their own.

The Linkage to Care Program Team is committed to providing support, connections, and care through referrals to necessary services, accompaniments, and advocacy. The Team has several case managers which include people with lived experience. The program offers a mix of outreach, team-based case management, and individual case management to support community members in navigating these systems.”

Website for further information - <https://www.fifehouse.org/linkage-to-care/>

**Practicum Requirements. Click on all the boxes that apply.**

- Covid Vaccinations
- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Travel by public transportation between home visits, or satellite offices, or community meetings, etc.
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Lived experience/Current member of the community being served
- Computer literacy. Fluency in other languages is an asset.

**Does your practicum require any previous experience? If yes, please specify.**

Knowledge, interest, and/or lived experience of HIV, substance use, and/or identifying as Indigenous, Black, and/or a Person of Colour (IBPOC)

**Please indicate whether this practicum will be in-person, remote or hybrid.**

In-person only.

**Please indicate whether this practicum will involve direct work or a mix of direct and indirect.**

Direct work.

**Number of practicums offered?**

1-2

**Field Instructor(s) name and credentials (BSW and/or MSW)**

Simran Kaur Sandhu, MSW, RSW

**Accessibility Considerations in practicum:**

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? **Yes**
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? **Sometimes**
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? **Fast**
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? **Medium**
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? **No**
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Student will be expected to be on their feet for most of the day, oftentimes off-site and in the community regardless of weather. So must prepare accordingly. Student is expected to use transit/TTC to travel between appointments and client visits. Student will also be expected to enter client units. Placement may involve support with unit maintenance and eviction prevention work, which can include lifting of heavy items, removing clutter, organizing units, and housekeeping. They will be working independently with minimal supervision, though supervisor is available by phone. Beginning placement will include more shadowing and then transition to independent learning.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? Placement students may be triggered when working with clients. Program supports clients who are experiencing crisis, psychosis symptoms, suicidal ideations, and other significant mental health concerns, in addition to homelessness and substance use.

Students registered with University of Toronto Accessibility Services may receive appropriate accommodations for practicum settings. To register: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/departments/accessibility-services/> or call 416-978-8060

**If you are interested in this practicum, please send a cover letter and resume to [miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca) by 5 pm on September 26, 2023. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**