

Matthews House Hospice, Alliston Ontario

Location: 131 Wellington Street East

Year 1 Practicum

Dates: January 10- May 31, 2024

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

Matthews House Hospice is located in Alliston Ontario and provides services to South Simcoe area. We provide support to client's living in the community with life limiting illnesses (and their caregivers) from date of diagnosis through to End of Life care in our 10 bedroom residence. MHH also provides grief and bereavement support. All of our community programs are supported by Care Coordinators who provide education, assessment, linking with MHH groups and volunteers, counselling as well as service navigation/advocacy and connection to other local, provincial and federal supports. Please see our website for more information and our monthly community program calendar

- Majority of the practicum will be direct service including assessment, goal-setting, case management and counselling (living with life limiting illnesses, caregivers, bereaved);
- There is also the opportunity to co-facilitate groups if desired;
- Working with all ages from children to the elderly; many have hx of trauma
- Support to clients and their caregivers who are choosing to access Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)
- Would be working with a multidisciplinary team and with community partners as well to advocate and support clients
- Providing support to EOL (End of Life) clients and their families on the 10 bed residential floor
- Will need access to a car and willing to drive to clients homes
- Some flexibility (evening, weekends) may be needed but mostly weekdays
- Suicide first aid is handy to have
- Ability to work one on one but also as part of a team including volunteers
- Indirect would be setting up a project/research that is both interesting to the student and useful for MHH – to be determined at a later date

Practicum Requirements:

- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Driver's License
- Use of Own Car

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

no

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

In person

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

Mostly direct but opportunity for indirect if desired

Number of practicums offered?

1

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

Megan Rochford MSW

Accessibility Considerations for practicum:

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? **Yes**
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? **Yes**
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? **Medium**
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? **Medium**
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? **Yes**
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Nothing exceptional – please let me know if there are any concerns which we can address together
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? **no**

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

If you are interested in this practicum, please send a resume to miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca by 4 pm on September 21, 2023. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.