

**Holland Bloorview Hospital**  
**Child Development Program- Communication, Learning and Behaviour (CLB)**

Year 1 Practicum

Dates: January 10- May 31, 2024

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

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital is Canada's largest children's rehabilitation hospital focused on improving the lives of kids with disabilities. The student will be working with the Communication, Learning, and Behaviour (CLB) team at Holland Bloorview. The CLB team is an outpatient program that assesses children who are suspected of having a developmental disorder such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and display complex and challenging behaviour. Interdisciplinary diagnostic services are provided depending on the child's needs. Clients are assessed up to and including the age of 18. After a child is diagnosed with ASD, the Holland Bloorview team refers the child to community-based organizations to receive services locally.

The student will work closely with the CLB social worker to support parents of children with ASD. Responsibilities include psychosocial assessment, psychoeducation on ASD, supportive counselling, information on community resources (e.g. ABA therapy, parent supports, daycare, respite, recreation, and government funding) and facilitating resource groups for parents. Students will also be involved in screening phone calls with families to help parents/caregivers prepare for their child's ASD assessment at Holland Bloorview.

The social worker mainly provides virtual care to families via phone and video (zoom). Some in person work with parents/caregivers will happen onsite at Holland Bloorview Hospital.

**Practicum Requirements:**

- Immunizations per PHA Guidelines
- Covid Vaccinations
- Influenza Vaccination (Flu shot)
- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Report writing and documentation

**\*\*Students are required to have up-to-date immunizations.**

The health status of students and faculty from an educational institution within the Province of Ontario will not be under the supervision of Holland Bloorview except for first aid. The educational institution will ensure that all students and faculty meet the following health criteria:

- Be screened for measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox (Varicella) and in the case of nursing students, Hepatitis B;
- Complete a two-step baseline tuberculosis test (And please note, where positive tests are determined a negative CXR (Chest X-ray) must be accompanied with the test results and the results shall be sent to the attention of the Student Coordinator, Teaching and Learning);

**NOTE: you will sign a "Declaration" stating your immunizations are up-to-date and you can show proof if asked.**

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

No.

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

Mainly a remote practicum with some in person work at Holland Bloorview hospital. Student must be comfortable working from home.

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

Direct work with clients.

**Number of practicums offered?**

1

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

Chandni Desai, MSW and Tamara Davis, MSW

**Do you require a resume? Or resume and cover letter?**

Resume and cover letter

**Accessibility Considerations:**

- 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? Fast
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Low
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? None
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? Students will need to use a phone and computer for the practicum.

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 cover letter and resume to [miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca) by 4 pm on October 3, 2023. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**