

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Crisis and Critical Care Program, Adult Inpatient Acute Care Services
Year 2 Practicum
September 2024- April 2025

Practicum Description:

The Crisis and Critical Care Unit 3 serves adult clients for short-term stabilization of acute mental health issues (e.g., psychosis, mania, suicidality, etc). Social workers on this unit work closely with an interdisciplinary team to provide assessments, psychoeducation (individual, family), referrals and discharge planning for inpatient clients. **Students will need to feel comfortable working with severe mental illness.**

**** This placement is offered 3-, 4- or 5-days per week based on the student's availability. The block placement is preferred (4+ days per week) given the high turnover of the unit.**

Practicum Requirements:

- **100% in person (on unit), no option for hybrid/virtual work**
- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Immunizations per PHA guidelines
- Covid Vaccinations
- Comfort with severe mental illness
- Report writing and documentation

Fields(s) of Study for this Practicum:

- Mental Health and Health

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 ONLY**

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

- direct, but option to include indirect work depending on student's interest

Number of practicums offered? 1

Field Instructor(s') name and credentials:

Rachel Spears, RSW, MSW

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

- resume

- please do not include cover letter

Accessibility Considerations:

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? No
- can have option for **temporary** private spaces, but office is **shared**
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? Yes
Daily lunch break, and breaks as needed, although the work volume is high
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Fast
Very fast-paced
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? High
- high noise, high stimulation, very busy with staff/loud patients
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum?
-able to walk to see patients (or use wheelchair)
- may be challenging if visual/hearing impaired as patients can be aggressive and safety needs to be considered (unit milieu can be unpredictable)
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? N/A

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 resume to miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca by 4 pm on March 12, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.