

Community Family Services of Ontario (CFSO)

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024-April 2025

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

Incorporated in 1988, Community Family Services of Ontario (CFSO) is a non-profit, charitable, accredited, professional family and settlement services agency with a focus on East Asian Ontarians. Funded by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, United Way GTA, and the community, CFSO has a goal to improve the overall psychosocial well-being of Chinese-Ontarians and to empower them to contribute to a safe community with harmonious families. CFSO's team of psychotherapists, social workers, certified gambling counsellors, family therapists, speech-language pathologist, and settlement workers provide settlement and counselling services to over 5,000 individuals per year.

There are two placement opportunities:

- 1. Clinical Counselling-** Our service and learning opportunities available to practicum students (clinical counselling focus) include:
 - Individual, dyadic and group supervision (OCSWSSW/CRPO/AAMFT/CAMFT)
 - Provide short to mid-term psychotherapy (8-12 sessions) and single session counselling services for individuals, couples, and families.
 - To be exposed to cases such as mental health, family and couple concerns, problem gambling, and violence against women and to participate in processes including clinical, seminar facilitation, and outreach.
 - Master the clinical and interpersonal skills to work with newcomers and Chinese immigrants in Canada. Learn about the social services system in Toronto.
 - Opportunity to facilitate group programs.
 - Professional development and in house clinical training opportunities.
- 2. Settlement Service Focus-** Our service and learning opportunities available to practicum students (settlement service focus) include:
 - Provide administrative and service support to Settlement Program which provides information, orientation, referral and needs assessment, supportive settlement counselling, crisis intervention and other related services to newcomers. Develop, implement, document, and follow up on service plans.
 - Participate actively in external community partnership development, networks and project development.

- Design and implement career counselling and language programs for newcomers. Support the youth service and national policy pathways mandates of the agency (if applicable).
- Plan and organize settlement activities and workshops in sync with funder and agency requirements.
- Prepare accurate and complete case notes and records, correspondences, reports; develop educational and promotional materials
- Complete telephone or walk-in intake interview and respond to enquiries, to determine the nature and course of the service, and to triage clients for quick access therapy or ongoing counselling programs.

Practicum Requirements. Click on all the boxes that apply.

- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- Evening attendance
- Language (specify in field below)

Other requirements:

Language Requirement: **speak fluent Mandarin or/and Cantonese**, must be able to write fluent English; able to read and write Chinese is an asset.

Evening Attendance Requirement: Minimum one evening per week. CFSSO operation hours: Monday and Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday open 9:00-8:30pm

Fields(s) of this Practicum: (click on all boxes that apply)

- Children and their Families
- Social Justice and Diversity
- Mental Health and Health

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

Previous relevant experience is an asset but not required.

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

Hybrid – direct client service to be delivered in person or virtual on site.

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

Mostly direct client service. Indirect client services include documentation, case management, and program development.

Number of practicums offered?

Clinical counselling: 2

Settlement services: 1

Field Instructor(s) name and credentials:

Clinical counselling: James Wong, BSW, MAFCFE, RSW / Ada Law, MSW, RSW

Settlement services: Irene Leung, MSW, RSW

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

Resume only.

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? Medium
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Low
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Low
- 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/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 by 4 pm on March 18 2024. Please indicate which practicum opportunity you are applying for. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.