

Durham District School Board
Year 2 Practicum
September 2024 – April 2025

Practicum Description

The DDSB Social Work team is committed to providing services that are informed by Anti-Black Racism, Anti-Racism, Anti-Indigenous, Anti-Oppressive, 2SLGBTQIA+ and questioning affirming practices, as well as Critical Social Work pedagogy. Our practice approach is informed by the students, families, and communities that we work with. Together we work towards addressing problems, barriers and struggles that impact students' social emotional wellbeing and success in school environments. Our placement will provide students with an opportunity to co-facilitate student groups, work with families and students to improve school engagement and develop health coping skills, evaluate programing, and provide opportunities to engaging in reflexive social work practice, as well as exposure to adhering to the social work code of ethics whilst also adhering to the District's expectations. Given our commitments to practicing from an Anti-Racist and Anti-Oppressive lens, students considering this placement should have a strong understanding of these theories and willing to engage in a process of unlearning taken for granted practices that maintain, promote and enable oppression.

Practicum Requirements:

- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Drivers license required
- Access to a car required

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

Experience in the social service field preferred but not needed.

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

In-Person and in rare occasions remote work.

Please indicate whether this practicum will involve direct work, indirect work or both.

Both.

This practicum is suitable for students in the following fields of study: Children and their Families and Mental Health and Health

Field Instructors: Herberth Canas MSW or Cyndi Wilkinson MSW

Accessibility Considerations:

- 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? 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? A fair bit of ambulating within sites to connect with other staff/students
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? Although the schools are accessible, due the materials and designed used in a pre-accessibility policy time, the sites might require a bit more time and effort to navigate.

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 by March 14, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.