



FACTOR-INWENTASH
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB)

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024 – April 2025

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

A practicum at the HWDSB involves exposure to working with students who are struggling with their attendance and overall school functioning. The student will have the opportunity to work individually with clients. They will also have the opportunity to work with educational staff in planning for the needs of at-risk students.

The students will participate in a half day per week of Group supervision with the other social work field placement interns from multiple universities. Group supervision will provide capacity building with regards to specific school board skills and practice areas with a focus on CBT/DBT training. Group supervision will also be a time to share case information/challenges so that the group can guide and learn from one another.

Students will have their own caseload and will have opportunities for direct clinical practice with students and caregivers. Students will have opportunities to complete comprehensive assessments, learn CBT/DBT modalities, co-facilitate treatment groups and administer standardized testing.

Practicum Requirements:

- Vulnerable Sector Check
- Driver's license required
- Access to a car required

This practicum will mostly involve direct work.

Does your practicum require any previous experience? If yes, please specify. This is an advanced placement and previous social work experience is an asset.

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

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

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 - the student schedules their own clients and spaces them accordingly
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Yes, it is a busy placement with lots of information to learn and apply.
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Sometimes the school setting can be a bit loud but generally it is quiet when working 1:1 with a student. There are bells that go off between classes and sometimes the odd fire drill!
- 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? We will work with students in terms of the accommodations that they may require

If you are interested in this practicum, please send a cover letter and resume to miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca by **5 pm on March 14, 2024**. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.

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