

**The Relationship Centre, Belleville Ontario**

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024-April 2025

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

- Private therapy practice located in Belleville Ontario "The Relationship Centre"
- Visit [therelationshipcentre.ca](http://therelationshipcentre.ca) for more information and profiles of therapists
- 10-14 therapists (MSW and Psychotherapists), Clinical Director (1) and Founder/Business Owner (1)
- 3 care coordinators who begin the client experience
- All trained in Emotion Focused Therapy with individual areas of expertise involving other therapy
- Monday-Saturday hours available (9am-8pm), therapists work in blocks as we do room assignments (modelled as a family living room).
- Students would be involved in providing therapy (we can develop specifics about age, presenting issues based on their background and area of growth). Client fees will be "accessible rate for the community".
- We may want a student to help with some research, community engagement areas (for ex. Offering free mental health programming virtually). We are open to creative ideas to support the community and elevate the profile of the practice.
- We serve Military Community (Veterans and current serving members and family), we also work with First Nations under non insured health benefits.
- Onsite supervision and support will be provided, a student will be able to observe other therapists working (with client consent).

**Practicum Requirements:**

- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- Evening attendance
- Changing shift attendance= The blocks that therapists work are 9-12, 12-4:30pm or 4:30pm-8pm, we plan room usage around this, we are flexible with student hours as we understand they have outside life responsibilities.

**Fields(s) of Study for this Practicum:**

- Children and their Families
- Social Justice and Diversity
- Mental Health and Health
- Social Work in Gerontology

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

We hope to attract someone who may have some experience in providing therapy, counselling previously and/or case management (including lived experience of these journeys or interventions).

-If no experience, we are willing to explore having someone who demonstrates the values we have and they show this in how they show up in the world (compassion, empathy, seeking relational connection to those within the practice).

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

Primarily in person for in person client service, some remote may occur with respect to team meetings, clinical consult groups. If weather is a factor at the time, we do offer to switch therapy sessions to remote.

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

Primarily direct practice work, we are open to indirect work-creating specific material, groups etc.. that may benefit the community, the student may be involved in researching and helping to develop with Clinical Director.

**Number of practicums offered? Up to 2**

**Field Instructor(s') name and credentials:** Sonya Ross, MSW, RSW. 10 years post MSW and 22 years practice experience (child welfare-front line, leadership, clinical supervision, EAP work, private practice).

**When would you like to receive student applications?** Yes, we would like this to review, our matching process is thoughtful and intentional before we invite someone to come into this space with the team and the clients. We want to discover personal fit for values and how they show up in the world, how they will fit within the care team and how they will enrich our team here.

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

Yes, we would require a 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? **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? **The lower level of the building is accessible without stairs, the employee lunch/lounge area is upstairs. Each therapy room requires the person using the space, to tidy up the room after use (straighten pillows, chairs if shifted etc..). light physical demands.**

- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? **The downstairs of the office space -has rooms available to use for therapy and a staff bathroom. The upstairs lounge is not accessible -only through use of stairs.**

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](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca) by 4 pm on March 12, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**