

The Trauma Centre
18967 Leslie St., Sharon, ON L0G 1V0 &
15488 McCowan Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L3Y 4W1
Year 2 Practicum
September 2024 – April 2025

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

The Trauma Centre's inclusive, non-residential, comprehensive program will provide: • evidence-based individual, family, and couple's counselling and therapy; • corporate crisis response after a critical incident in the workplace or community; • psychological first aid for first responders after critical incidents; • training/educational seminars for mental health professionals and educators in our community; • educational workshops/groups for families and parents; • support groups for children, adolescents, and adults; • specialized support programs for emergency services personnel; PTSD and trauma therapy specialty. • team building/meeting/fundraising facility use for other service providers.

Student activities to develop social work competencies

Direct Service Delivery/Interventions/Working with Recipients of Service:

- Deliver crisis intervention
- Undertake instrumental activities that support the work with recipients (e.g., assistance forms, benefit forms, referrals, develop plans for activities of daily living)
- Apply best practices as outlined by the organization
- Counsel (individuals, families, couples) - in office or in community
- Develop and implement individual, family, or group interventions - assessment, implementation and evaluation of interventions
- Develop, promote, plan and/or (co)facilitate educational groups or workshops
- Hold responsibility for a defined caseload/case management
- Provide resource and referral information
- Undertake discharge planning
- Conduct intake/needs assessments

Interprofessional collaboration:

- Present cases at case conferences
- Attend staff/administrative meetings
- Collaborate on organization's projects
- Attend in-service events
- Advocate for the client system
- Consult and collaborate with professionals from other disciplines
- Participate, liaise and represent the agency at community meetings or plan of care meetings or task groups

Indirect Service Delivery:

- Prepare and maintain case notes, reports, statistics which meet the organization's accountability guidelines

Organization Description:

MISSION To improve the well-being of our community by providing a safe, tranquil place where individuals and families, affected by trauma and other significant events in their lives, will receive professional and comprehensive care.

OUR VALUES We believe all citizens in our community are entitled to confidential, timely, and professional treatment following an impactful or traumatic event in their lives; We believe in working collaboratively with other service providers in our community to better serve the multiple needs of people affected by events and circumstances in their lives; We believe that competent, compassionate care is necessary in helping people maintain their sense of dignity and hope when they find themselves in vulnerable circumstances.

OBJECTIVES The Trauma Centre's inclusive, non-residential, comprehensive program will provide evidence-based individual, family, and couple counselling and therapy; corporate crisis response after a critical incident in the workplace or community; psychological first aid for first responders after critical incidents; training/educational seminars for mental health professionals and educators in our community; educational workshops/groups for families and parents; support groups for children, adolescents, and adults; specialized support programs for emergency services personnel; team building/meeting/fundraising facility use for other service providers.

Practicum Requirements

- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Drivers License
- Use of Own Car
- Travel between home visits, or satellite offices, or community meetings, etc.
- Evening Attendance
- Weekend Attendance
- Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- Comfort working with the population being served

Fields(s) of this Practicum: Mental Health and Health

Does your practicum require any previous experience?

Preferably - experience with trauma

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

Flexible

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

Direct

Field Instructor(s)' name and credentials: Lyndsey McKeown, 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? Yes

- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Fast
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Low
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Walking, long periods outside if wanting to job shadow and learn equine psychotherapy sessions Comfort with farm atmosphere – horses dogs.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? Comfort with dogs, horses and donkeys. Allergies?

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 28, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.