

The Gary Hurvitz Centre for Community Mental Health at SickKids, The Community Outreach Intervention Initiative (COII)**440 Jarvis Street/ 1645 Sheppard Ave. W.**

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024-April 2025

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

The Community Outreach Intervention Initiative (COII) is a part of the Prevention and Early Intervention Services department at the Garry Hurvitz Centre for Community Mental health at Sickkids. The program serves children and youth living in the Black Creek, St. James Town and Flemingdon Park communities who are experiencing barriers to accessing mental health care. Through outreach, our Centre offers individual and family services and group programs based out of these communities. Our counselling and therapist team collaborates with an interdisciplinary team and external partners to make it easy for children, youth and families to receive the level of service that matches their needs. As a part of the practicum students will have ongoing supervision and training.

Student Activities will include:

- Conducting intake/needs assessment
- Provide resource and referral information
- Hold responsibility for a defined caseload/case management
- Develop, promote, plan and/or (co)facilitate educational groups or workshops
- Develop and implement individual, family or group interventions, assessment, implementation and evaluation of interventions.
- Counsel (individual, families, expecting parents) in office or in community
- Apply best practices as outlined by the organization
- Present cases at team meetings
- Take part in single session consultations
- Consult and collaborate with professionals from other disciplines (ECE's, teachers, school administrators or allied mental health professionals, child welfare agencies) to better serve clients
- Advocate for the client system
- Participate, liaise and represent the agency at community meetings or plan of care meetings
- Prepare and maintain case notes, reports, statistics which meet the organization's accountability guidelines
- Develop skills in cross-cultural competence
- Attend agency seminars and learning opportunities related to children's mental health and approaches to family therapy

Practicum Requirements. Click on all the boxes that apply.**Please add any additional requirements, if not listed.**☐ Immunizations per PHA Guidelines

- ☐ N95 Respirator/Mask Fitting
- ☒ Covid Vaccinations
- ☐ Influenza Vaccination (Flu shot)
- ☒ Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- ☐ Driver's License
- ☐ Use of Own Car
- ☒ Travel by public transportation between home visits, or satellite offices, or community meetings, etc.
- ☒ Comfort working with the population being served
- ☒ Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- ☐ Lived experience/Current member of the community being served
- ☒ Evening attendance
- ☐ Weekend attendance
- ☐ Changing shift attendance
- ☐ Language (specify in field below)

Other requirements:

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

- ☒ Children and their Families
- ☐ Social Justice and Diversity
- ☒ Mental Health and Health
- ☐ Social Work in Gerontology
- ☐ Human Services Management & Leadership

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

Students should have enough prior experience to work with families with complex needs and understanding of work in the community.

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

In-person

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

Direct with clients

Number of practicums offered?

1

Field Instructor(s') name and credentials:

Pamela Saa MSW RSW

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

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? 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?

Moving from one site to another in one day.

- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of?
May be asked to see clients in homes/community sites that may have limited accessibility considerations.

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 leah.potash@utoronto.ca by April 5, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.