

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS)**Year 2 Practicum****September 2024- April 2025****Practicum Information:****Practicum location**

The Toronto South Detention Centre
160 Horner Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
M8Z 4X8
Parking is free for students.

Program

CAMH, Forensic Early Intervention Services (FEIS).

Who We Are

The Forensic Early Intervention Service (FEIS) is a result of collaboration between the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. This unique program first time started in Canada at Toronto South Detention Centre and Vanier Centre for Women, Milton.

Our team consists of members of the following professions: social work, occupational therapy, nursing, psychology, and psychiatry. Students will work with an incarcerated adult male population, maximum security remand centre. The student will do mental health assessments, triage and connect with community resources.

FEIS Inclusion Criteria:

FEIS will provide ongoing assessment and support to individuals who:

- Are/are at risk of being unfit to stand trial
- May choose to pursue a not-criminally responsible defence (NCR).

What We Do

For individuals who meet the FEIS inclusion criteria we can:

- Conduct psychiatric assessment and offer treatment recommendations
- Visit and provide ongoing support while the client is at the Corrections Facility
- Support clients in their preparation for court appearances
- Communicate with the client's lawyer & family
- Provide the client's family with resources and support
- Connect with client's other community supports

- Work with Corrections staff and partner agencies to facilitate discharge plans

FEIS Community Support Program

In December/2023, FEIS expanded the FEIS Community Program to provide support to clients with serious mental health issues and may have a long history with the criminal justice system. FEIS Community program provides four months short-term case management and psychiatric follow-ups in the community. Location CAMH Queen Street, Unit -1, Out Pt Clinic.

Practicum Requirements:

- Police Check. **PLEASE NOTE – The student is required to get an Enhanced Security Clearance to do placement in a Detention Centre, which could take at least a month. We usually inform the students during the interviews but often students apply for Police Clearance a week or two before placement which results 3-4 weeks delay to start placement.**
- Immunizations per PHA guidelines

PLEASE NOTE- In the Detention Centre, the clients we serve have serious mental health issues and serious charges and some of the charges/index offences may affect students' mental health.

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

No, but desired to have some basic mental health knowledge.

This practicum is fully in-person. Time 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

This practicum will involve both direct and indirect work.

This practicum is suited for students in the Mental Health and Health field of study, mainly focused on forensic mental 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
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Depending day by day based on number of referrals.
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Yes, it's a maximum security remand center, largest jail in Canada.
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? The assessment may also happen through hatch and require kneeling and bending.
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? There is a lot of walking within the institution.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? – often assessments happen through hatch and need bending and kneeling on floor.

Students registered with the 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 5 pm on March 20 2024. Applications will be forwarded to the site.