

**Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital,
Brain Injury Rehab Team (BIRT), Inpatient and Outpatient programs
150 Kilgour Road, Toronto, ON, M4G 1R8
Year 2 Practicum
September 2024-April 2025**

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

The practicum site is Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. This is Canada's largest rehabilitation hospital and treatment centre for children.

The placement will consist of Wednesdays and Fridays in the Student Led Environment (SLE) of the Transitions to Adulthood Team. Students will be supervised within a unique interdisciplinary leadership model. Thursdays will be spent with social worker and marriage and family therapist Kathy Gravel on the Brain Injury Rehab Team (BIRT).

The population served by Kathy are children with Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI) and their families. There are opportunities to attend lunchtime education sessions, and participate in committees. Inter Professional Education (IPE). Services offered will include clinical assessment, intervention and consultation using outcomes based psychotherapy and resource counselling. Kathy uses strength focused interventions including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, Narrative Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Emotion Focused Therapy (EFT) and Play Therapy. Kathy has had many incredible MSW students over the years. In addition to being a Social Worker, Kathy is trained as a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist (RMFT). It is a privilege for Kathy to work and learn from MSW students in this wonderful placement opportunity.

The SLE portion of the placement is a highly sought after opportunity for student leadership in a unique interdisciplinary team. The team consists of students from social work, occupational therapy, and nursing who work together to co-lead a large variety of "Transition Pop-Up" events in partnership with adult sector community agencies. [Transition Pop-Ups](#) are group events that help clients and families prepare for the transition to adult life through gradual introductions to new community service providers and practical support to accomplish transition-related tasks. Topics include funding, planning for life after high school, sexuality and relationships, parenting with a disability, guardianship, finding primary care, advocacy, healthy lifestyle choices and more. The SLE team is guided by Laura Thompson, OT Reg. (Ont.), an occupational therapist who is delighted to offer opportunities for student growth in independent practice management, interdisciplinary team collaboration, group facilitation skills, forming cross-sector partnerships, program development, and leadership skills. The population for this portion of the placement is all Holland Bloorview clients age 14+ and their families.

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.

No

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

This placement will be mostly in-person, with occasional opportunities for virtual attendance.

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

This placement will be direct.

Number of practicums offered? 1

Field Instructor(s') name and credentials:

Kathy Gravel, MSW, RSW, RMFT

Laura Thompson, OT Reg. (Ont.) – Team Lead & Occupational Therapist

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

Resume

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?

BIRT: The practicum requires students to attend client sessions and family team meetings. Sessions and meetings typically last one hour each.

Transitions SLE: The practicum requires students to attend and co-facilitate group events in person and virtually. Groups are 60-120 minutes and range from 5-20 participants.

- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of?

None that I am aware of.

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 by 4 pm on April 4, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.