

North York General Hospital, Inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry**4001 Leslie St, Toronto, Ontario, M2K 1E1**

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024 – April 2025

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

You will work collaboratively on a 20-bed Geriatric Psychiatry Unit. The setting is acute in-patient mental health, serving patients who are predominantly over age 65, with severe psychiatric illness including schizophrenia, BPSD, major depressive disorder, bipolar and psychosis and/or dementia. You will participate in multidisciplinary rounds, discharge planning, system navigation, resource counselling, crisis intervention, family support and support with groups. Indirect work will include asset mapping, group preparation, research and program evaluation. Required skills include note taking, professional communication, problem solving and organization. Students will be expected to work independently and carry their own caseload. For direct work, students are expected to be present between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., with some flexibility allowed.

Field of Study: Social Work in Gerontology**Practicum Requirements**

- Immunizations per PHA Guidelines
- N95 Respirator/Mask Fitting
- Covid Vaccinations
- Influenza Vaccination (Flu shot)
- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- Other requirements: Due to limited workspace, students will be required to use personal electronic devices after completion of organisational encryption and other security requirements.

Does your practicum require any previous experience?

No previous experience with older adults or mental health is expected.

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

Practicum will be hybrid with direct work being in-person while indirect work may be done remotely.

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

Mixed

Field Instructor name and credentials: Swatie Maharaj, MSW, RSW

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? Fast
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Medium
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? No
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? No physical demands. However, patient population includes people with aggressive behaviours.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? Private spaces are limited and moderately available. Students are expected to meet deadlines and develop working relationships with other team members, patients and their families.

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 resume to miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca by 4 pm on April 4, 2024.