

St. Michael's Hospital, Unity Health Toronto, Family Health Team

80 Bond, 61 Queen St and 140 the Esplanade

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024 – April 2025

Practicum Description

This placement will be offered to a student identifying as: (BIPOC/LGBTQ/Racialized students) St. Michael's Hospital as a part of Unity Health Toronto is a Catholic teaching and research hospital in downtown Toronto. We welcome all students from diverse religious, cultural backgrounds including but not limited to: Indigenous and Racialized Persons, all religions and ethnicities, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ persons, and all others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Affectionately known as the Urban Angel, St. Michael's is renowned for providing exceptional patient care with a strong focus on the Social Determinants of Health and those who may experience marginalization. The Social Work team at St. Michael's is made up of approximately 50 social workers who work in a variety of inpatient, outpatient, community mental health and family health teams. We aim to provide a placement experience that supports the development of entry to practice level competencies. Our patient population, allows you to experience a diversity of need that is unique. As a student here, you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of hospital wide, program and Social Work specific activities that will enrich your learning such as: a thorough orientation to SW at St. Michael's, SW student-only seminars, student IPE learning events, opportunities to contribute to research and project work, shadowing other SWs in other areas of clinical interest, and participating in advocacy for our profession during SW Week events in March. St. Michael's Hospital has an interview and reference check as a part of the placement process. The student will collaborate with an interdisciplinary team and a community of practice of social workers and students across the family health team's five family medicine sites.

In this role, the student will provide direct patient care as well as contribute to group programming, supporting various projects and quality improvement initiatives. Work will be in person and there is potential for some virtual work as determined with preceptor. The student placements primary focus is in the psychosocial drop in clinics, which is a new initiative developed to provide low barrier access to social work and other services. This clinic provides an opportunity for learners to lead in assessment, care planning and resource referral with support of their field instructors. There will also be a project component, which may include developing a patient facing materials/resources.

This placement is ideal for an individual who is self-directed, takes initiative and is seeking to strengthen their leadership skills.

This placement may work at 1 or 2 of the following sites: 80 Bond, 61 Queen St and 140 the Esplanade as the drop ins run at each site.

Practicum Requirements.

- Immunizations per PHA Guidelines
- N95 Respirator/Mask Fitting
- Covid Vaccinations
- Influenza Vaccination (Flu shot)
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Comprehensive report writing and documentation
- Lived experience/Current member of the community being served

Fields(s) of this Practicum:

- Mental Health and Health

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

Previous experience working with vulnerable clients is an asset for example in shelters, crisis line, mental health or addictions

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

In person, with some ability to work remotely for project based work

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

Primarily direct, with some project work

Field Instructor(s') name and credentials: Lauren Massey M.S.W., R.S.W + FHT Social Worker

Accessibility Considerations:

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? Sometimes
- 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? Yes
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Sitting for long periods of work, documentation and communication is via Electronic Medical Record.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of?

Private spaces will not always be available in this setting. Staff and learners in this space will need flexibility to use private space to see patients and use shared spaces for zoom meetings, documentation and project work.

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 4pm on March 28, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.