

**Woodsworth College, Office of the Dean of Students
Room 180 – 321 Bloor St W, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1S5**

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024-April 2025

Swahili Speaking MSW Practicum

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

This is a practicum opportunity with the Office of the Dean of Students at Woodsworth College, working closely with Amanda, Community Development and Student Wellness Coordinator and Kim Cuozzo, Coordinator, Student Programs & Access.

The prospective practicum student will have a primarily student-facing role engaging with undergraduate students with a refugee background, and have opportunities to integrate social work theories into practice in the following ways:

- Plan and deliver culturally-sensitive and trauma informed wellness-focused programming and psychoeducation workshops in collaboration with supervisors
- Support students 1:1 and offer person-centered, culturally-sensitive resource navigation and referral services in Swahili
- Promote health & wellness related information and resources tailored to students' expressed needs and interests (e.g. stress, imposter syndrome, time management, anxiety, depression, financial concerns, loneliness, etc.)
- Explore opportunities to enhance existing repertoire and/or development of additional high impact, evidence-based wellness programming for the current and prospective Morneau McCain Scholarship students at Woodsworth
- Foster strong working relationships with college staff members, U of T campus partners, student leaders and student staff, community partners, and other stakeholders
- Attend work-related and educational meetings and trainings
- Other responsibilities as relevant to student learning and team's needs

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:

Proficiency in Swahili

Women-identified

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.

Experience with supporting vulnerable women, refugees an asset

Familiarity with trauma-informed approaches strongly preferred

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

Hybrid

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

Direct work

Number of practicums offered?

1

Field Instructor(s') name and credentials:

Amanda Lee, MSW RSW

Master of Social Work, Bachelor of Social Work

Kim Cuzzo, MEd, OCT

Master of Education, Bachelor of Education, Honours Bachelor of Arts

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

Resume and Cover letter required

Accessibility Considerations:

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? No
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? Yes
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? Medium
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? Low
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? No
- What are the physical demands of the practicum?
 - Work is performed in an office environment and requires the ability to operate standard office equipment and keyboards. Must have the ability to lift and small carry parcels, packages and other items, and to walk short distances.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of?
 - N/A

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 April 2, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.