

**The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)  
Leukemia/Lymphoma & Stem Cell Transplantation Programs**

Year 2 Practicum

September 2024-April 2025

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

The Hospital for Sick Children is an academic and health sciences facility. Within this framework, the department of social work provides a robust teaching program for graduate student social workers. In addition to direct work with supervisors, this also includes weekly group seminars, and a family therapy teaching program. While students may work flexible hours to accommodate some of these opportunities, it is anticipated that the number of hours in a placement at SickKids may extend beyond the hours in placement required by university. SickKids provides services in one of the most diverse cities in the country, and we are committed to enhancing health equity, respectful service and inclusion of all populations served by the hospital, this includes all learners.

The placement includes working with families in the Division of Haematology/Oncology with a focus on families with children with leukemia/lymphoma and those undergoing stem cell transplant. The student will also be involved in facilitating a 7 week group using Photovoice as a methodology with teenage cancer patients. We are a multi-cultural/multi-racial program. Some families are from the Greater Toronto Area and others must travel a distance to come here for treatment. The families come from a wide variety of socio-economical backgrounds. For some families the medical diagnosis is their only life crisis, while others the diagnosis is but one of many life stressors they are dealing with. Students will work within a very busy inpatient and ambulatory inter-professional program. It is important to be aware that this placement may involve working with children and families through end of life. Prior direct clinical work (counseling skill and/or crisis intervention) is required for this placement.

This placement includes initial shadowing of supervisors followed by the opportunity to manage your own caseload of families (supported by supervisors and weekly supervision). Only students who are ready to commit to this teaching program and expectations, should consider this as a placement.

**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.**

This is a fast-paced placement which includes initial shadowing of supervisors followed by the opportunity to manage your own caseload of families (supported by supervisors and weekly supervision). Only students who are ready to commit to this teaching program and expectations, should consider this as a placement.

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

In-person

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

Direct work with families

**Number of practicums offered? 1**

**Field Instructor(s)' name and credentials:**

Sonia Lucchetta, MSW, RSW

Wendy Shama, MSW, RSW

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

Resume and cover letter outlining how student feels this placement would be a good fit for themselves.

### **Accessibility Considerations:**

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? No  
There is a student office that all social work students have access to.
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? Yes
- 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? The hospital occupies a large space and there is significant moving from one space to another (inpatient to outpatient) as well as meeting spaces.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? No.

Students registered with 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](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca) by 4 pm on April 18, 2024. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**