

Youth Mental Health & Concurrent Disorders Doctoral Practicum Training 2022

About the Site

The Carlile Youth Concurrent Disorders Centre at Lions Gate Hospital is a 10-bed inpatient centre for youth aged 13 to 18 years who are struggling with mental health concerns and problematic substance use. Please see the enclosed brochure for more detailed information about the program.

Practicum Clinical Training Experiences Available

This practicum is designed to provide training in the practice of clinical psychology in a tertiary setting. It is intended to be an advanced placement, likely the doctoral student's final one before the year of residency.

Available clinical training experiences include:

- Providing specialized psychological assessments (i.e., psychodiagnostics and psychoeducational) for adolescents under the age of 19 with serious concurrent disorders (severe mental health combined with substance use).
 - Administering and interpreting a wide range of psychological assessment tools, as well as providing diagnostic impressions
 - Integrating and communicating information from the history, observed and reported behaviour, test results and school performance in the context of brain-behaviour relations through report writing and clinical feedback
 - Developing recommendations for effective treatment management strategies, educational planning
- Organizing and facilitating inpatient weekly group psychotherapy sessions
- Providing brief psychological intervention to youth and families during inpatient admission
- Conducting suicide risk assessment and management including crisis intervention and safety planning
- Providing consultation to interdisciplinary treatment team and participating in grand rounds

Structure & Duration

Practicum placements will begin in the second week of September, 2022. The duration and hours per week are negotiable within the range of 1-2 days per week (typically on Mondays and Wednesdays) for 6-12 months.

Stipend

None available.

Application Requirements

Suitable applicants will have:

1. Considerable experience with administering and scoring a variety of common psychological tests.

2. At least some experience with psychoeducational assessment report writing (at least five reports from comprehensive assessments).
3. Basic psychotherapeutic skills, as demonstrated through intervention coursework with a practicum component and/or prior practicum training.
4. Experience in a hospital setting and with complex cases is an asset.

Application Process

Please submit a package containing the following by February 25, 2022.

1. Cover letter that (a) provides a brief summary of your training in psychological assessment (psychodiagnostics and psychoeducational), consultation, and intervention (please specify the number of reports written), and (b) outlines your training goals for the practicum.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. List of psychological tests that you have had sufficient training/experience with to administer independently.

Please send applications to:

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We will conduct interviews early in March and notify applicants on March 25, 2022.