

**Willow Pavilion - Tertiary Mental Health
Neuropsychology Practicum Summer 2021**

Supervisor

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About the Site & Role of Psychology

Willow Pavilion, a tertiary mental health facility, provides interdisciplinary-based assessment, treatment, and psychosocial rehabilitation to adult and older adult inpatients with complex and serious mental illness (e.g., schizophrenia and related disorders). Inpatients at Willow Pavilion often require long-term care with stays within the program ranging from 6 weeks to 24 months, depending on individual needs.

The psychologist working within this site offers neuropsychological consultation services throughout the 5 units at Willow Pavilion. Neuropsychological assessment referral questions often pertain to treatment and discharge planning, as well as diagnostic clarification from a neurocognitive perspective.

Clinical Training Experiences Available

This practicum is designed to provide training in the practice of clinical neuropsychology in an inpatient, tertiary mental health setting. Applicants at various stages of training are encouraged to apply, as the specific practicum experiences can be tailored to individual skills and goals.

Assessment Experience: Depending on experience level, trainees will have the opportunity to complete various aspects of the neuropsychological assessment, including medical chart review, consultation with interdisciplinary team members, clinical interviews, test administration, scoring, and interpretation, report writing, and feedback. Assessments range from brief cognitive screens to comprehensive neuropsychological assessments.

Treatment Experience: This practicum is focused on neuropsychological assessment experience.

Consultation Experience: Depending on experience level, trainees will have the opportunity to communicate neuropsychological assessment findings to interdisciplinary teams during weekly patient rounds. There may also be opportunities to work jointly with other allied health professionals (e.g., occupational therapists) in implementing cognitive strategies, based on neuropsychological assessment results, into patient treatment plans.

Other Didactic Opportunities

Trainees are encouraged to attend clinical rounds and seminars throughout their placement (e.g., Psychology Rounds, VCH – Department of Psychiatry Educational Rounds, etc.), dependent on scheduling.

Structure & Duration

This practicum is set to begin in May 2021 and run for a minimum of four months with two days per week. The days of work are Mondays and Tuesdays (non-negotiable due to supervisor schedule).

Stipend

None available.

Application Requirements

Suitable applicants will have:

1. Completed graduate level coursework in assessment, and in particular courses pertaining to neuropsychological assessment. Completion of coursework in psychopathology is an asset.
2. Experience with some test administration (e.g., administration of the WAIS-IV) is an asset.

Application Process

Please submit a package containing the following by **February 22, 2021**:

1. Cover letter that (a) provides a brief summary of your training in clinical psychology and neuropsychological assessment, and (b) outlines your training goals for the practicum.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Two reference letters (or emails from referees) who can speak to your clinical strengths and areas for growth.

Please email applications to: chantelle.giesbrecht2@vch.ca

Interviews will be conducted in early March and applicants will be notified on **March 29, 2021**