# 2024-2025



# Practicum Training in Clinical, Health, and Neuropsychology

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Hamilton Health Sciences is located in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Home to more than a half million residents, Hamilton is situated at the western tip of Lake Ontario midway between Niagara Falls and Toronto, and is **easily accessible by Go Transit from the GTA**. It is the site of McMaster University, known internationally for its innovative medical school and research programs and the home of evidence-based practice.

<u>Hamilton Health Sciences is comprised of five hospitals and four specialized centres.</u> <u>serving more than 2.2 million residents in Central South and Central West Ontario.</u> Each of the facilities offers specialized services that together make HHS one of the most comprehensive health care systems in Canada.

Psychology staff at Hamilton Health Sciences, which includes over thirty registered psychologists, are integral members of teams and services. Psychology staff have backgrounds ranging from clinical psychology, school psychology, applied behavioural analysis, rehabilitation, health psychology, and neuropsychology. Many psychologists at HHS also have cross appointments with McMaster University in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences in the Faculty of Health Sciences. The affiliation with McMaster University provides students with an invaluable opportunity to learn from and interact with students, clinicians, and faculty in medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, social work, and other allied health disciplines (e.g., speech/language pathology, occupational therapy) and allows patients to benefit from innovative treatments/research and staff and students to actively participate in research and teaching endeavours.

#### The specific sites/programs that offer placements vary year-to-year. Please see page 10 of this Brochure to know what is offered for the 2024-2025 year.

# **Potential Practicum Sites**

Each of the hospitals and centres comprising HHS offer specialized services. This year, practicum placements will be offered at the following sites:

- Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre (RJCHC)
- McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC)
- Juravinski Cancer Centre (JCC)
- Regional Rehabilitation Centre (RCC)

Students spend most (if not all) of their time at the location their clinic is in, with opportunities to train elsewhere if desired and appropriate. Workstations are provided for on-site work and are often shared given practicum students are part-time. Private rooms are provided for any on-site work with clients, including access to video or audio recording and live-supervision. via one-way mirrors. Some virtual/remote work may be available for intervention-based practicum placements.

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**HHS Mission:** To provide excellent health care for the people and communities we serve and to advance health care through education and research.

HHS Vision: Best Care for All.

### **Our Programs**

HHS programs provide a supervised opportunity for the integrated application of the theoretical, clinical, professional, and ethical knowledge and skills acquired during graduate training. Students are expected to develop core competencies based on their learning goals in the assessment, consultation, and treatment of populations with a range of psychiatric, developmental, learning, medical, neurological, behavioural, and emotional difficulties, using evidence-based approaches. Supervision in the acquisition and refinement of assessment, formulation, and therapeutic skills is available via several therapeutic modalities, including behaviour therapy (BT), cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT), dialectical behaviour therapy (DBT), acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), motivational interviewing (MI), emotion focused family therapy (EFFT), and family systems. Training is offered in individual and group therapy, and parent and professional psychoeducation formats. Supervision for each treatment modality is negotiated with the assistance of the practicum student's primary supervisor.

Based on learning goals, students can be exposed to the work of psychologists on multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient teams and have the opportunity to develop skills collaborating with health care professionals from other disciplines, as well as professionals from schools and community agencies. Students are expected to work with diverse populations (e.g., various cultural backgrounds).

Practicum students typically focus on either complex psychological assessment and/or psychological intervention. The variety of assessment and treatment experiences available to practicum students is substantial. This flexibility is an attractive attribute of the psychology practicum program at Hamilton Health Sciences. Of course, students are supported to select experiences that meet their learning goals and schedules.

Each site and the programs offered within the site are described on the following pages of this brochure.

- Child and adolescent placements are on pages 4-6
- Adult placements are on pages 6-7

As mentioned previously, you can go to page 10 of this brochure to determine which programs are accepting applicants this year.

#### Program Philosophy and Mission

In keeping with the mission of Hamilton Health Sciences, our program is committed to providing exceptional care through a scientist-practitioner approach and advancing health care through education and research by emphasizing the bidirectional relationship between science and practice. As such, the training of students emphasizes the review of research to inform clinical practice; the use of empirically-supported, evidencebased assessment and treatment approaches where indicated; integration of structured evaluations of emerging approaches to inform clinical care; and clinicallyrelevant research and individualized or tailored interventions, ultimately to best meet the needs of the clients served.

Our goal is to train the next generation of clinical child psychologists who are caring, compassionate, and collaborative. We support our students to develop their own professional identify through a developmental approach to training within a learner-centered environment. We promote the achievement of individual training goals within the context of developing the essential functional and foundational competencies that form the basis of clinical child psychology. Our program provides the opportunity to gain depth and breadth in a wide range of clinical activities, including experience in interdisciplinary teamwork, which is a critical component in providing quality client care. We value equity, diversity, and inclusion; recognize the impact of systemic barriers to accessing care; and actively seek to reduce these barriers.

# **Ron Joyce Children's Centre (RJCHC)**

#### Child and Youth Mental Health Program (CYMH) Outpatient Service

The CYMH Outpatient Service provides outpatient assessment, consultation, and treatment for children and adolescents (ages 3 to 18) with comorbid problems of an internalizing and/or externalizing nature that interfere with functioning in the home, school, and/or community. Treatment services offered include individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, parent skills training, medication consultation, and consultation with community agencies and schools.

Team members on the CYMH Outpatient Service include psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, child and youth workers, and early childhood resource specialists. If possible, we ask that practicum students aim to participate on and provide consultation to the Outpatient Multidisciplinary Team (Monday meetings). Some CYMH Outpatient Service team members are also part of the DBT Consultation Team, which meets weekly.

Individual therapy modalities include CBT, DBT, ACT, and interpersonal therapy. Group therapy offerings typically involve Parenting Your Child with OCD, Bossing Back OCD (child and youth groups), Unified Protocol CBT, Parent-Led CBT for Anxiety, DBT Multifamily Skills Group, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.

The CYMH Outpatient Service offers an array of family-based interventions, including 2-day EFFT caregiver workshops and individual EFFT work with caregivers. Additionally, The Family Therapy Clinic allows families to work with an interdisciplinary team that adopts a co-therapist model and incorporates principles from Family Systems Therapy, Narrative Family Therapy, and Structural Family Therapy. Learners may have the opportunity to support families as a co-therapist and/or as part of the Reflection Team that observes family therapy sessions and offers reflections. Finally, Family Check-Up is a 3-session, ecological, family-based assessment that incorporates multi-method (interviewing, video interaction tasks, questionnaire data) and multirater information on risk and protective factors to understand influences on the developmental trajectory of the child. The FCU model is strengths-based, collaborative and uses principles of motivational interviewing to understand how parent well-being, child well-being and parenting/family environment are connected. The FCU has a strong evidence base from decades of research. It has been delivered in the USA for quite some time, and clinicians within the Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service who typically provide parent training were initially trained and credentialed in this model in early 2018. We are the first Canadian mental health service to offer the FCU. After the FCU is completed with a family, goals are set in collaboration with the parents/caregivers, which may include the parent skills training intervention connected to the FCU called Every Day Parenting (EDP). The EDP program follows the same principles as the FCU. Both FCU and EDP are transdiagnostic (i.e., not restricted to certain diagnostic presentations). The EDP manual is made up of 12 distinct sessions that are meant to be tailored to the needs of the family.

**Supervising Psychologists:** Dr. Felicia Chang, Dr. Jennifer Cometto, Dr. Emily Copps, Dr. Jessica Dalley, Dr. Brittany Jamieson, Dr. Danielle Pigon, Dr. Paulo Pires, Dr. Seamus O'Byrne, Dr. Tajinder Uppal-Dhariwal, Dr. Avraham Grunberger, Dr. Joanna Messenger

**Developmental Pediatrics and Rehabilitation (DPR)** provides outpatient services to children with developmental, behavioural, physical, or communication needs and their families. DPR also provides alternative/augmentative communication services to children and adults with neurological, developmental and/or multiple disabilities. DPR is a diverse team of clinicians covering disciplines such as psychology, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, behaviour therapy, early childhood education, and therapeutic recreation. A variety of services are offered through DPR that include group-based intervention, team and individual assessments, parent/caregiver workshops, parent/caregiver counselling, consultation, and individual intervention.

Supervising Psychologists: Dr. Nidhi Luthra, Dr. Olivia Ng & Dr. Katherine Stover

**The Autism Spectrum Disorder Program,** located at RJCHC, provides both governmentfunded and direct-purchase services for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder, including consultation, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), psychological assessments, groups, and parent/caregiver education and training. The multidisciplinary team is comprised of psychologists, psychometrists, behavioural clinicians, family service coordinators, and school support consultants. Opportunities for students include participating in interdisciplinary consultations, completing comprehensive psychodiagnostic assessments, co-facilitating parent and child groups, and providing individual cognitive-behavioural therapy.



Supervising Psychologists: Dr. Caroline Roncadin, Dr. Irene Drmic & Dr. Rebecca Shine

# McMaster University Medical Centre (MUMC) Site-Child/Youth Programs

The **Pediatric Eating Disorders Program** provides services to children and adolescents up to the age of 18 who require multi-disciplinary assessment and treatment of an eating disorder (Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder, Binge-Eating Disorder, etc.) and any comorbid conditions. While the majority of patients are seen on an outpatient basis, the program also offers inpatient treatment for medically unstable patients as well as an intensive day-hospital program. Services include medical management, refeeding, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy, and nutritional counseling. Team members include psychologists, a psychiatrist, pediatricians, social workers, a registered dietician, registered nurses, and child life workers.

Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Stephanie Deveau, Dr. Carolyn Roy

The Pediatric Chronic Pain Program (PCPP), located at MUMC, provides outpatient, interdisciplinary, family-centred care to children and youth who face chronic pain. There are many different types of chronic pain conditions in children and youth, including headaches, abdominal pain, musculoskeletal pain, and arthritis. The PCPP aims to provide youth and caregivers with skills to reduce the impact of pain on their daily life by utilizing an interdisciplinary functional rehabilitation approach. Some of the interventions in the clinic include psychoeducation, goal-setting, medication review, physiotherapy, activity pacing, parent groups, relaxation and mindfulness, cognitive behavioural therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, emotion-focused family therapy, motivational interviewing, and consultation with school and community agencies. The team includes many health professionals (i.e., psychologists, social workers, an occupational therapist, a nurse practitioner, physiotherapists, child life specialists, pediatricians, a psychiatrist, a pharmacist, and an anesthesiologist) who work together to collaborate and coordinate care for youth with chronic pain. Opportunities for students include participation in interdisciplinary assessments, completion of comprehensive psychodiagnostic assessments, co-facilitating parent groups, and providing individual psychotherapy.

Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Kathleen Lee & Dr. Rachel Jackson

HHS & Psychology Training Program Values

**Respect:** We will treat every person with dignity and courtesy.

**Caring**: We will act with concern for the well being of every person.

**Innovation**: We will be creative and open to new ideas and opportunities.

Accountability: We will create value and accept responsibility for our activities.

The **RBC Child and Youth Mental Health Inpatient Unit** is located at the MUMC Site. Student placements on the inpatient unit focus on providing assessment, treatment, and consultation. Students are exposed to severe mental illnesses, including psychosis, bipolar disorder, severe mood disorder, and personality disorders.

Supervising Psychologists: Dr. Jennifer McTaggart & Dr. Ashley Legate

The **Mental Health Assessment Unit (MAU)** is located in the MUMC Emergency Department. Student placements in the MAU focus on completing comprehensive risk assessments with children and youth who present to the Emergency Department with mental health crises. Students are exposed to severe mental illnesses, as well as youth with suicidal and homicidal ideation.

Direct Supervisor: MA-level Social Worker in the MAU Supervising Psychologists: Dr. Jennifer McTaggart

The **Psychiatry Consultation/Liaison Service** is available to the pediatric medical clinics at MUMC. Children and youth with chronic diseases, life-limiting illnesses and disabilities are three times more likely to suffer from a mental health concern. Caring for children and youth who have medical conditions with co-existing mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, adjustment disorder, and learning disabilities is a common occurrence in pediatric medical settings and is becoming a daily aspect of pediatric inpatient medicine. There is a need to address the complex relationship between a child's medical illness and emotional well-being. Typical student activities in C/L may include: helping patients and their families adjust to their newly diagnosed illnesses and the impact on their lives; conducting diagnostic and/or complex risk assessments with patients with chronic health conditions; consulting to medical professionals on how best to manage patients with comorbid mental health presentations; training medical professionals in emotion-focused healthcare.

Direct Supervisor: Laurie Horricks, NP-Peds Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Jennifer McTaggart

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# **MUMC**– Child/Youth Programs Continued

The **Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre** is located at MUMC. Students gain experience in behavioural medicine while working with children and families presenting with comorbid psychological and physical health challenges associated with obesity and lipid metabolism disorders. Students will have exposure to psychological/behavioral assessments related to medical problems, consultations, brief interventions, the interplay between physical and psychological health, coordinated inter-professional teamwork, and gain an understanding of the multifactorial nature of obesity and lipid metabolism disorders. Students learn to provide psychological and behavioral interventions for prevention and/or treatment of medical issues related to obesity and to assist patients in coping with a myriad of conditions (e.g., maladaptive eating habits, sleep issues, motivation, unhealthy body image, impact of bullying, stress, and psychological distress). Brief interventions consist of motivational interviewing, cognitive, behavioral, and parenting strategies. The interprofessional team includes physicians, a psychologist, a nurse practitioner, registered dietitians, an exercise physiologist, an activity therapist, and various learners.

#### Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Sheri Nsamenang

#### The Pediatric Neurology/Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program/Neurosurgery and Oncology

**Neuropsychological Services**, located at MUMC, provide clinical neuropsychological and psychological assessments to children and adolescents. Practicum students with Pediatric Neurology/Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program/ Neurosurgery will be involved in outpatient (ambulatory) neuropsychological assessments of children and adolescents with epilepsy and other neurological conditions (e.g., stroke, MS, autoimmune disorders, AVM, genetic disorders, hydrocephalus), including interview, review of medical and academic documentation, direct testing, formulation, feedback, and report writing. A developmental model of supervision is used where students taking on increasingly more responsibility within the assessment, as their skills and confidence develops. Courses in child psychopathology and theories of neuropsychology (brain-behaviour relations) are required. Completed training in pediatric assessment and test administration is required, specifically students must be able to accurately administer the WISC-V, with competent administration of additional child/adolescent cognitive measures being a highly desired asset. Prior experience in psychological assessment of cognitive/academic issues in children and adolescents is required (e.g., psycho-educational assessments); this does not need to be past neuropsychological assessment practicum experience, although this would be considered an asset. Students do not have to come from a "neuropsychology" program to be considered. ).

Supervising Psychologists: Dr. Cheryl Alyman, Dr. Stephanie Lavoie, Dr. Nevena Simic, Dr. Abbi Graves

# **MUMC**— Adult Programs

The **Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic** at MUMC focuses on chronic pain from clinical, health, and rehabilitation psychology perspectives. Clients are <u>adults</u> (very early adulthood to seniors), who vary widely as to their socio-economic, educational, vocational, and ethnic backgrounds. The interdisciplinary, multi-modal program consists of an intensive 4-week, outpatient (day) or inpatient stay (**Intensive Program**). Students in this program will work (virtual or in-person) to provide groups on self-talk, grief and loss, relaxation/mindfulness, and see patients 1:1 as needed. Students will also conduct at least 1 of 4 weekly assessments for candidacy for admission to the program.

The clinic also provides a publically funded program (**OHIP Program**) that is a regional hub for the outpatient management of a range of persistent pain conditions in adults. The clinic uses a biopsychosocial approach that includes both medical and non-medical intervention to provide patient-centred care. Psychology plays an active role in the clinic, across treatment, assessment, consultation, research, and program development and evaluation. Learners work as part of an interprofessional team comprised of a range of health professions, including psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, pharmacists, dietitians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, and physician assistants. Opportunities include individual and group treatment, consultation to the team, psychodiagnostic assessment, and presentations at case rounds. Learners will work with patients presenting with persistent pain problems and often comorbid mental health difficulties, including depression, anxiety, trauma, insomnia, and adjustment-related difficulties. Opportunities for program evaluation and research may also be available.

Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Gregory Tippin & Dr. Abi Muere

# Juravinski Cancer Centre

The Juravinski Cancer Centre (JCC) is a regional referral centre for central-west Ontario. The JCC services patients and families who have been diagnosed with cancer in the Hamilton-Niagara-Haldimand-Brant region. JCC is where cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation take place, as well ground-breaking cancer research.

The **Psychosocial Oncology Program (PSO)** at the Juravinski Cancer Centre is dedicated to supporting <u>adult</u> patients and their families cope with the psychological, emotional, social, spiritual, and functional impact of cancer. The program provides outpatient and inpatient care across the cancer continuum and for a variety of cancer disease sites, including breast, lung, head and neck, haematology, gastrointestinal, gynecological, genitourinary, central nervous system, skin, endocrine and sarcoma. Residents actively work as part of an interdisciplinary team consisting of psychologist, psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, dieticians, and oncologists. Psychology routinely participates in interdisciplinary consultations and presents at interdisciplinary rounds that review complex patient cases. Training opportunities may include providing psychodiagnostic assessments for treatment planning purposes, inpatient consultations, and short-term individual and group interventions. Psychological interventions target anxiety, mood, grief, end-of-life concerns, caregiver burden, body image, fatigue, insomnia, adherence and adjustment-related concerns. Learners may also co-lead psycho-education sessions to build staff, patient and caregiver capacity to address psychosocial needs that impact cancer care. Opportunities for program evaluation and research may also be available.

Supervising Psychologist: Dr. Karen Zhang

# **Regional Rehabilitation Centre**

The Regional Rehabilitation Centre (**RRC**), located on the Hamilton General Hospital Campus, provides specialized rehabilitative care to help people who are recovering from brain injury, amputations, spinal cord injury, stroke, and hand and work-related injuries. The facility provides both inpatient and outpatient services and clinics, a large prosthetics and orthotics department, a therapeutic pool, and an outdoor therapeutic track.

The **Adult Rehabilitation Neuropsychology Practicum** is housed in the Regional Rehabilitation Centre (RRC), on the campus of Hamilton Health Science's General Hospital campus. Practicum students will divide their time between two programs in the RRC: The Acquired Brain Injury Program Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation Unit and the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit.

The Acquired Brain Injury Program Neurobehavioural Rehabilitation Unit is an inpatient provincial program for adults with acquired brain Injuries who also display challenging behavioral and/or mental health issues. The most common types of acquired brain injuries seen on this unit include traumatic brain injuries (secondary to motor vehicle accidents, falls, assaults, etc.), hypoxic/anoxic brain injuries (secondary to heart attacks, drug overdoses, etc.), encephalitis (secondary to infections such as HSV, etc.), and brain tumor resections. Patients' lengths of stay on the unit range from a few weeks to several months, during which time they receive transdisciplinary rehabilitation, in conjunction with a concurrent behaviour management program. *The Stroke Rehabilitation Unit* offers medical care and rehabilitative services to individuals who have sustained strokes or other cerebrovascular conditions. Patients cover the adult span, including older adults, and often have complex medical and/or psychosocial histories.

Supervising Psychologist:s Dr. Justine Spencer, Dr. Kate Bartley

# **Educational Opportunities**

In addition to direct clinical training, practicum students in the child/youth programs can participate in a wide variety of educational experiences during their placement, including seminars, rounds presentations, and professional courses.

- One-day training in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVCI).
- Training on Suicide Risk Assessment and Management with Youth.
- Training on Violence Risk Assessment and Management with Youth.
- Training in DBT via a combination of online trainings and supervision.
- Psychology Residency Seminar Series: The HHS psychology residency programs have seminars most Wednesdays afternoons on a wide range of topics (e.g., diagnosis, assessment, treatment approaches). The seminars include a series on Ethics and Professional Practice to provide residents with an opportunity to discuss professional and jurisprudence issues and prepare for the post-doctoral registration process with the College of Psychologists of Ontario (or equivalent regulatory body). Practicum students are able to attend any topics of interest, provided their schedule allows for it.
- Rounds and seminars are held throughout the hospital system on a regular basis. Two examples that students may be
  interested in include the rounds of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences and Ron Joyce Children's
  Health Centre Rounds.

# **Supervision and Evaluation**

Practicum students are assigned a supervisor (a registered psychologist) in each of the programs they train in. At the beginning of the practicum placement, the student and their supervisor set individualized written goals and objectives and identify appropriate additional supervisors, if necessary, to achieve those goals. It is the supervisor's responsibility to ensure that the required range of experience is provided, that the student's workload is manageable and appropriate to the goals and objectives negotiated, and that sufficient supervision is provided.

Formal review and evaluation of each practicum student's progress is scheduled at the midpoint and at the end of the practicum. Each of the student's supervisors complete an evaluation covering the preceding period, and rate progress towards the written goals and objectives (in domains related to knowledge base, procedural/program design skills, written and interpersonal skills, and ethical and professional practice). The practicum students rate the program and the quality of supervision as well. The results of the evaluations (ratings of goal attainment) are forwarded to the student's graduate program. Of course, any evaluations provided by a student's graduate program will be completed as requested.

## **Onboarding**

As part of onboarding to Hamilton Health Sciences, practicum students must be cleared by Employee Health and obtain a Vulnerable Sector Screening by your local police department (within 60 days of the start date). Effective September 2021, all employees and learners at HHS are required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 (or written proof of a medical reason).



# **Application Process**

<u>Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program in clinical psychology/neuropsychology</u>, that is **accredited by the Canadian Psychological Association.** Students should have completed graduate level coursework in psychological (and/or neuropsychological) assessment and have basic practical psychometric training. It is recommended that applicants have already obtained direct experience assessing and interviewing clients and their families.

Applicants are required to submit:

- 1 page cover letter with
  - A summary of clinical training thus far (e.g., coursework and practical work), and Training goals and objectives (including HHS programs of interest)
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae
- Unofficial transcripts of graduate studies
- Minimum of 1 reference letter from a clinical supervisor

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#### Applicants should clearly indicate:

Whether they are applying for a summer or fall/winter placement. The program to which they are applying

Completed applications are rated independently by the members of the training committee, ranked, and offered interviews.

Students may submit applications via email to psychpracticum@hhsc.ca To ensure the security of reference letters, please have referees email letters to Dr. Chang directly.

HHS participates in the GTA practicum process, which standardizes the application deadline and notification day procedures. Please refer to relevant documentation (or Graduate Training Programs) for more information.

Successful candidates are notified of the committee's decision as per the GTA Practicum Notification Day Guidelines. Please follow the Notification Day procedures as outlined. In accordance with federal privacy legislation (*Personal Information Protection and Electronics Documents Act*) only information that is required to process your application is collected. This information is secured and is shared only with those individuals involved in the evaluation of your practicum application.

Hamilton Health Sciences is committed to a patient/family-centered, evidence-based approach to health care. **Note:** We conduct different types of assessments including **psychodiagnostic assessments** (i.e., interview and questionnaire based) as well as **neuropsych assessments** and **comprehensive assessments** (which include testing with measures like the WISC, WAIS, WIAT, etc) If you require testing experience, please ensure the position you are applying to offers neuropsych comprehensive assessments.

# Pediatric Practicum Opportunities at Hamilton Health Sciences for 2024-2025

Program	Level	Term(s)	Days/Week	Focus	Supervisor
CYMH Outpatient Service - at Ron Joyce	MA or PhD	Summer 2024	3-4 days/week	Comprehensive assessment	TBD
Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre	PhD	Summer 2024	3-4 days/week	Intervention and psychodiagnostic assessment	Dr. Sheri Nsamenang
CYMH Outpatient Service - at Ron Joyce	PhD	Fall + Win- ter	2 days/week	Intervention and psychodiagnostic assessment	TBD
Pediatric Chronic Pain Program - at MUMC	MA or PhD	Fall + Win- ter	2 days/week	Intervention and psychodiagnostic assessment	Dr. Rachel Jackson
Children's Exercise and Nutrition Centre	PhD	Fall + Win- ter	2 days/week	Intervention and psychodiagnostic assessment	Dr. Sheri Nsamenang

# Adult Practicum Opportunities at Hamilton Health Sciences for 2024-2025

Program	Lev-	Term(s)	Days/Week	Focus	Supervisor(s)
Michael G DeGroote Pain Clinic—at MUMC	PhD	Fall + Winter (Sept – June)	2 days/week	Psychodiagnostic assessment, interven- tion (individual, group), consultation	Drs. Greg Tippin, Abigail Muere, and Laura Katz
Psychosocial Oncology - at JCC	PhD	Summer 2024 or Fall + Winter	2 days/week	Intervention	Dr. Karen Zhang
Adult Neuropsych - Acquired Brain Injury Program and Stroke Rehabilitation Unit	PhD	Fall + Winter	2 days/week	Neuropsychological Assessment	Dr. Justine Spen- cer and Dr. Kate Bartley
Adult Neuropsych - Acquired Brain Injury Program and Stroke Rehabilitation Unit	PhD	Summer 2024	3 days/week	Neuropsychological Assessment	Dr. Justine Spen- cer and Dr. Kate Bartley

# **Child Clinical Psychology Training Staff**

Felicia Chang, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Windsor, 2019). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Jennifer Cometto, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Windsor, 2013). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Emily Copps, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Xavier University, 2019). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Jessica Dalley, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Guelph, 2021). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Stephanie Deveau, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Guelph, 2013). Pediatric Eating Disorders Program. Irene Drmic, Ph.D., C.Psych. (York University, 2007). Autism Spectrum Disorder Service. Avraham Grunberger, Psy.D., C.Psych. (Pace University, 2011). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Eleni Hapidou, Ph.D., C.Psych. (McMaster University, 1989). Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic. Brittany Jamieson, Ph.D., C. Psych. (Toronto Metropolitan University, 2021) Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Kathleen Lee, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2019). Pediatric Chronic Pain Program. Katie Lok, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2014). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Nidhi Luthra, Ph.D., C.Psych. (York University, 2018). Specialized Developmental and Behavioural Service. Jennifer McTaggart, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Guelph, 2009). Child and Youth Mental Health Inpatient Service. Olivia Ng, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2015). Specialized Developmental and Behavioural Service. Sheri Nsamenang, Ph. D., C.Psych. (East Tennessee State University, 2014), Children's Exercise and Nutrition. Seamus O'Byrne, D.Clin.Psy., C. Psych. (University of Essex, 2018). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Danielle Pigon, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2017). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Paulo Pires, Ph.D., C. Psych. (University of Toronto, 2005). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service. Caroline Roncadin, Ph.D., C.Psych. (York University, 2002). Autism Spectrum Disorder Service. Carolyn Roy, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Guelph, 2020). Pediatric Eating Disorders Program. Rachel Jackson, Ph.D., C. Psych (Supervised Practice; University of Toronto, 2021). Pediatric Chronic Pain Program. Rebecca Shine, Ph.D., C.Psych. (York University, 2021). Autism Program.

Katherine Stover, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Supervised Practice). (University of Toronto, 2022). Specialized Developmental and Behavioural Service.

Tajinder Uppal Dhariwal, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2017). Child and Youth Mental Health Outpatient Service.



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# **Neuropsychology and Adult Clinical Psychology Training Staff**

Cheryl Alyman, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Victoria, 1998). Psychologist in Pediatric Oncology Neuropsychology Services.

Kate Bartley, Psy.D, C. Psych, Supervised Practice (Florida Institute of Technology, 2022) Psychologist in Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Esther Direnfeld, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Victoria, 2017). Psychologist in the Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Jennifer Fogarty, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Waterloo, 2001). Psychologist in Adult Epilepsy Monitoring Unit.

Eleni Hapidou, Ph.D., C.Psych. (McMaster University, 1989). Psychologist in Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic.

Laura Katz, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Queen's University, 2016). Psychologist in Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic.

Stephanie Lavoie, Ph.D., C.Psych. (York University, 2016). Psychologist in Pediatric Neurology.

Tiffany O'Connor, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Simon Fraser University, 2021). Psychologist in Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Emilie Sheppard, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Montreal, 2019). Psychologist in Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Nevena Simic, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Toronto, 2012). Psychologist in Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program.

Justine Spencer, Ph.D., C.Psych. (McMaster University, 2015). Psychologist in Stroke Rehabilitation Program.

Joanna Sue, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Queen's University, 2014). Psychologist in Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Gregory Tippin, Ph.D., C.Psych. (Lakehead University, 2016). Psychologist in Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic.

Ayse Unsal, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Waterloo, 1991). Psychologist with Adult Consultation Neuropsychology Service.

Diana Velikonja, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Waterloo, 1997). Psychologist with Adult Acquired Brain Injury Program.

Karen Zhang, Ph.D., C.Psych. (University of Western Ontario, 2017). Psychologist with Psychosocial Oncology Program.



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