Student Training Opportunities in Psychology 2018-2019

University Health Network

Princess Margaret Cancer Center

Toronto General Hospital

Toronto Western Hospital

Toronto Rehab
Student Training Opportunities in Psychology 2018-2019
University Health Network
(Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital &
Toronto Rehab)

Clinical and research opportunities (unfunded) are available to Psychology graduate
students and fellows interested in gaining experience with diverse patient populations on
an individual, couple, or group basis. Please note that UHN does not have CPA or APA
accreditation for Psychology training at this time. A list of potential placement settings is
provided below. Please contact the respective psychologist directly to learn more about
their placement options and whether they will be taking students for the 2018-2019 period.

PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER CENTER - DEPARTMENT OF
SUPPORTIVE CARE:

CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY:
Population: adult survivors of childhood cancer; young adult cancer survivors; post-
treatment cancer survivors of all ages
Clinical Assessments: psychosocial functioning; distress screening
Clinical Intervention: individual psychotherapy
Research: impact of late effects of cancer and cancer treatment on psychosocial
development; transition from pediatric to adult health care; quality of life
Contact: Norma D’agostino, Ph.D. C.Psych. Norma.D’agostino@uhn.ca

Population: urologic cancers: prostate, testicular, kidney, bladder cancer patients
Clinical Assessments: health psychological assessment
Clinical Intervention: individual psychotherapy; couple therapy; sex therapy
Research: health-related quality of life and survivorship in cancer patients
Contact: Andrew Matthew, Ph.D. C.Psych. Andrew.Matthew@uhn.ca

Population: adults with cancer
Clinical Assessments: psychosocial adaptation; trauma; marital functioning
Clinical Intervention: cognitive-behavior therapy; couples therapy
Research: quality of life and psychosocial impact of disease (e.g., illness intrusiveness,
self-concept); psychoeducational interventions; self-management of disease;
psychological measurement
Contact: Gerald Devins, Ph.D. C.Psych. gdevins@uhnresearch.ca

Population: adults with a cancer diagnosis and their family members
Clinical Assessments: semi-structured interviews for distress and psychosocial
functioning
Clinical Intervention: individual psychotherapy; couple therapy
**Research:** qualitative and mixed-method research focusing on psychosocial interventions in oncology  
**Contact:** Rinat Nissim, Ph.D. C.Psych. rinat.nissim@uhn.ca

**Population:** patients with advanced cancer  
**Research:** death anxiety; attachment security; psychometrics and scale development  
**Contact:** Chris Lo, Ph.D. chrislo@uhnresearch.ca

**NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**  
**Population:** brain tumor patients; adult survivors of childhood cancer; young adult cancer survivors.  
**Clinical Assessments:** neuropsychological assessment  
**Clinical Intervention:** education; recommendations/strategies  
**Research:** neurocognitive outcomes in cancer survivors; late effects of cancer treatment on neurocognitive function; circadian rhythms and cancer  
**Contact:** Kim Edelstein, Ph.D. C.Psych. kim.edelstein@uhn.ca

**Population:** adult cancer survivors  
**Clinical Intervention:** Neuropsychological assessment, group and individual psychoeducation, self-management  
**Research:** neurocognitive outcomes of cancer survivors, psychoeducational and cognitive rehabilitation  
**Contact:** Lori Bernstein, Ph.D. C.Psych. lori.bernstein@uhn.ca

**TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL:**

**CARDIOLOGY**  
**Population:** adult patients with cardiovascular conditions  
**Clinical Assessments:** psychophysiolgic tests (e.g. vagal-heart rate modulation and baroreflex sensitivity) during reactivity/recovery from mild-to-moderate psychological and physical stressors; cognitive-emotional adjustment to cardiovascular disease; quality of life; and lifestyle behaviors  
**Clinical Intervention:** individual, group and e-health in the context of the health psychology/behavioral cardiology clinical service. Treatment modalities include cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and biofeedback.  
**Research:** (i) Efficacy of Behavioral Neurocardiac Training with vagal-heart rate biofeedback for patients with hypertension or chronic heart failure; (ii) cardiovascular reactivity/recovery following physical or psychological tasks; (iii) e-counseling to augment risk reduction for cardiovascular disease.  
**Contact:** Robert Nolan, Ph.D. C.Psych. rnolan@uhnres.utoronto.ca
ANAESTHESIA & PAIN MANAGEMENT
Population: inpatient and outpatient adults suffering from acute and chronic pain at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital
Clinical Assessments: brief assessment of inpatients and outpatients with respect to pain, distress, opioid medication use, and disability prior to psychological intervention; assessment of chronic pain patients prior to specialized interventions such as ketamine infusions and spinal cord stimulator implants
Clinical Intervention: psychoeducation on pain and pain management, mindfulness for pain, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (the ACT Matrix) to reduce distress, opioid use, and disability; clinical hypnosis for pain relief; interventions offered in individual and group formats
Research: impact of novel pre- and post-surgical behavioral interventions on pain, distress, and disability
Contact: Aliza Weinrib, Ph.D., C.Psych. aliza.weinrib@uhn.ca

EATING DISORDER PROGRAM, PSYCHIATRY
Population: Adults with Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, and comorbidities including Anxiety Disorders, Mood Disorders, Substance Use Disorders, Personality Disorders
Clinical Intervention: intensive treatment for eating disorders including inpatient and day hospital, and a follow-up/relapse prevention program; group and individual CBT and DBT; this is an intervention practicum
Clinical Assessments: clinical interviewing and diagnostic assessment only
Research: etiology and maintenance of eating disorders, treatment efficacy and effectiveness, prediction of relapse, relapse prevention
Psychologists:
Michelle Mahan, Ph.D., C.Psych. michelle.mahan@uhn.ca
Traci McFarlane, Ph.D., C.Psych. traci.mcfarlane@uhn.ca
Marion Olmsted, Ph.D., C. Psych. marion.olmsted@uhn.ca
Kathryn Trottier, Ph.D., C.Psych. kathryn.trottier@uhn.ca
Danielle MacDonald, Ph.D., C.Psych. (supervised practice) danielle.macdonald@uhn.ca
Contact: traci.mcfarlane@uhn.ca
TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL:

TOURETTE SYNDROME NEURODEVELOPMENTAL CLINIC, NEUROPSYCHIATRY

*Population:* children, adolescents, & adults with Tourette syndrome and its comorbidities (e.g., OCD, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder)

*Clinical Assessments:* assessments of mood and anxiety; Complex Autism Diagnostic Team assessments

*Clinical Intervention:* (children and adolescents) cognitive-behavioural therapy; Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT); parent training using Collaborative and Proactive Solutions (CPS); school consultation

Jody Levenbach, Ph.D., C.Psych. jody.levenbach@uhn.ca

*Clinical Assessments:* neuropsychological assessments (children, adolescents, and young adults); Complex Autism Diagnostic Team assessments

*Clinical Intervention:* psychoeducation; school consultation

Jennifer Stanga, Ph.D., C.Psych. jennifer.stanga@uhn.ca

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS PROGRAM

*Population:* adult psychiatric outpatients suffering from mood and anxiety disorders, Substance use, PTSD, sleep, chronic health problems including pain, HBP, cholesterol, diabetes, cardiovascular and GI. Stress related somatic problems including life style improvement and adjustments related to immigration

*Clinical Assessments:* clinical interview and diagnostic assessment formulation understanding underlying issues related to presenting problems and developing of research based treatment plans

*Clinical Intervention:* short term individual and group treatments. Treatment modalities include cognitive behavioral, psychoeducational and dynamic therapy in English, Spanish and Portuguese

Contact: Alicia Sorkin, D. Ps., C.Psych. AliciaAraujo.Sorkin@uhn.ca

BARIATRIC SURGERY PROGRAM

*Population:* Bariatric patients undergoing gastric bypass surgery, both pre and post-surgery. Students will have the opportunity to work with patients with Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Eating Disorders, Substance Use Disorders, and/or Personality Disorders.

*Clinical Assessments:* semi-structured psychodiagnostic and psychosocial assessments

*Clinical Intervention:* a twice-monthly post-surgery support group; an 18-month post-surgery psychoeducational group; short-term individual psychotherapy; an 8 session mindful eating group scheduled twice per year

Both assessment and intervention involve collaborating with an interdisciplinary team and includes weekly team rounds.

*Research:* monthly departmental research meetings; various interdisciplinary research topics include the impact of pre-surgical psychological status on adjustment to surgery
and successful weight loss; bariatric patients and suicidality; impact of nutrition education on surgical outcome; impact of transition from pediatric to adult care within bariatric surgery programs; night eating; mindfulness for bariatric patients; outcomes from teleCBT

Psychologists (email inquiries and applications should be addressed to both): Susan Wnuk, Ph.D. C. Psych. susan.wnuk@uhn.ca
Sarah Royal, Ph.D., C. Psych. sarah.royal@uhn.ca

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY CLINIC, KREMBIL NEUROSCIENCE CENTRE
Population: neurology/neurosurgery outpatients, primarily in epilepsy and Parkinson’s disease but includes other neurological disorders affecting cognition
Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessments
Clinical Interventions: recommendations; assessment of suitability for surgery
Research: impact of neurological disorders and neurosurgical/neurostimulation treatment on memory, language and executive functions; functional and structural neuroimaging in neurocognitive disorders.

Psychologists:
Melanie Cohn, Ph.D. C.Psych. melanie.cohn@uhn.ca
David Gold, Ph.D. C.Psych. david.gold@uhn.ca
Marta Statucka, Ph.D., C.Psych. marta.statucka@uhn.ca
Mary Pat McAndrews, Ph.D. C.Psych. marypat.mcandrews@uhn.ca
Contact: marypat.mcandrews@uhn.ca
*note Ph.D. level students only
TORONTO REHAB:

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY – RUMSEY SITE
Population: adults with acquired brain injury – outpatients only
Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessments
Clinical Interventions: feedback to patients and family, treatment recommendations, psychoeducation
Contact: Lesley Ruttan, Ph.D., C.Psych. lesley.ruttan@uhn.ca
*note Ph.D. level students only

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY SITE - DAY HOSPITAL
Population: acquired brain injury - outpatients
Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessments
Clinical Interventions: feedback to patients and family, treatment recommendations, education
Contacts:
Psychologist: Paul Comper, Ph.D., C.Psych. paul.comper@uhn.ca
Behaviour Therapist: Nathalie Brown nathalie.brown@uhn.ca
(NOT TAKING STUDENTS FOR 2017-2018 YEAR)

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY SITE - NEUROLOGY SERVICE
Population: head, neck & acquired brain injury – often work-related - outpatient
Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessment
Psychologists:
Karen Wiseman, Psy.D., C.Psych. karen.wiseman@uhn.ca
Dalia Slonim, Psy.D., C.Psych. dalia.slonim@uhn.ca
Michelle Busse, Ph.D., C.Psych. michelle.busse@uhn.ca

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY SITE - COMPLEX INJURY OUTPATIENT
Population: acquired brain injury (mild to severe), multiple fractures, multiple system injuries, stroke, mood disorders – often work-related - outpatient
Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessment; psychological assessment
Clinical Interventions: Patient and caregiver support & education; supportive counselling; cognitive behavioral therapy
Psychologists:
Lidia Domitrovic, Ph.D., C.Psych. lidia.domitrovic@uhn.ca
Valery Kleiman, MA, Dipl.Psych., C.Psych.Assoc. valery.kleiman@uhn.ca
Sabrina Lombardi, Ph.D., C.Psych. sabrina.lombardi@uhn.ca
Colleen Ray, Ph.D., C.Psych. colleen.ray@uhn.ca
(NOT TAKING STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019 YEAR)
CARDIAC REHAB, RUMSEY SITE
Population: adult patients with cardiovascular conditions, diabetes, stroke and breast cancer
Clinical Assessments: psychosocial functioning, comorbid psychiatric disorders, cognitive-emotional adjustment to cardiovascular disease, lifestyle behaviors, and quality of life
Clinical Interventions: individual and group treatment
Program Evaluation and Research: Efficacy of a Stress Reduction Program in improving distress among a range of outpatients with chronic medical conditions.
Contact: Jaan Reitav, Ph.D., C.Psych. jaan.reitav@uhn.ca

MSK REHAB, HILLCREST SITE Contact: Greg Hamovitch, Ph.D., C.Psych. greg.hamovitch@uhn.ca
(NOT TAKING STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019 YEAR)

SPINAL CORD REHAB, LYNDHURST SITE
Population: spinal cord injury patients – inpatient and outpatient
Clinical Assessments: clinical psychological and/or neuropsychological assessments, behavioral health assessment
Clinical Interventions: behavioral medicine; cognitive behavioral intervention; emotion focused therapy; supportive counseling, cognitive remediation
Contact/Psychologists:
  - Cheryl Bradbury, Ph.D., C.Psych. cheryl.bradbury@uhn.ca
  - Martha McKay, Ph.D., C.Psych. martha.mckay@uhn.ca
*note Ph.D. level students only
  - Monica Vermani, Ph.D., C.Psych. monica.vermani@uhn.ca
(Dr. Vermani - NOT TAKING STUDENTS FOR 2018-2019 YEAR)

RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY SITE
Areas of Focus: Neuropsychology, Mild-Severe TBI, Sub-acute neurodegeneration post TBI, Post-recovery cognitive decline, Development of interventions to minimize decline
Contact: Robin Green, Ph.D., C.Psych. robin.green@uhn.ca (Research Scientist)
APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Please note that UHN does not have a centralized application process. Candidates should submit their applications via email to the respective contact person(s) listed above for each clinic or program to which they are applying. Candidates can apply to more than one program or clinic and applications should consist of the following:

1. A curriculum vitae
2. Undergraduate/Graduate transcripts (unofficial acceptable)
3. 2 letters of recommendation from clinical or academic supervisors
4. A cover letter, which should include a description of what the student hopes to achieve from a practicum at UHN, and short and long-term career goals
5. A listing of Psychological and/or Neuropsychological tests that the student has administered, scored, interpreted and written reports for.

The deadline for receipt of all application materials is ~**January 2018 (specific date TBD)**.
Notification date for applicants is ~**March 2018 (specific date TBD)**

*Please be in touch with the respective contact person for further information on mailing address for use when submitting hard copies of application materials, if applicable*