



**University Health Network (UHN)  
Psychology Practicum Placements  
2026-2027**

Princess Margaret Cancer Centre    \_\_\_\_\_    Toronto General Hospital    \_\_\_\_\_    Toronto Western Hospital    \_\_\_\_\_    Toronto Rehabilitation Centre

## **Student Practicum Placements in Psychology 2026-2027**

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 practicum 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, or for information about available practicum spots or the semester during which practica are available, if not indicated. Please note that all practicum supervisors are members of the College of Psychologists and Behavioural Analysts of Ontario (CPBAO) and as such, adhere to practice standards set out by the CPBAO.

Please note that we use the common deadline and notification procedures for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Practicum Training Programs. The application deadline for both summer and fall/winter placements is in February, and the notification day is in March. If your program is outside of the GTA and has a different notification deadline, please provide details in your application form and your letter of interest.

## **PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER CENTRE-** **DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORTIVE CARE**

### **YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER:**

- Population: Younger adults with cancer (<45 years), outpatients
- Assessment: Clinical intake assessment conducted with new patients. Note that this practicum is primarily focused on intervention.
- Intervention: cognitive-behavioural, acceptance and commitment, and supportive approaches, primarily individual with some group work (i.e., co-leading/leading patient support groups)
- Research: Psychosocial aspects of living with cancer as a young adult; program development (fear of cancer recurrence, [in]fertility distress). Students may have opportunities to get involved in research, but this is not guaranteed and would occur outside of clinical placement hours.

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**Ph.D. level students only**

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-2027 = 1*

### **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

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**Ph.D. level students only**

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-27 = 0*

## **TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL**

### **ANESTHESIA & PAIN MANAGEMENT**

#### **TRANSITIONAL PAIN SERVICE AND EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME CLINIC**

This rotation offers a unique opportunity to train in **two** specialized health-psychology clinics: The Transitional Pain Service and the Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Clinic. Time spent in each clinic will be determined in collaboration with the student, based on availability, clinic needs, and students' training goals.

##### **Transitional Pain Service**

- Population: Outpatient adults suffering from acute and chronic pain at Toronto General Hospital's Transitional Pain Service, specializing in post-surgical pain.
- Clinical Assessments: A brief assessment is completed prior to psychological intervention.
- Clinical Intervention: Acceptance and commitment therapy, mindfulness and clinical hypnosis for pain management, psychoeducation. Intervention is delivered individually.
- Research: Impact of novel pre- and post-surgical behavioural interventions on pain, distress, disability, and use of opioid medication

##### **Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Clinic**

- Population: Toronto General Hospital has one of the few clinics in the world specializing in treating people with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), a rare connective tissue disorder. EDS leads to joint dislocations, chronic pain, fatigue, gastrointestinal symptoms, and more. People living with EDS report a high prevalence of depression, anxiety, and emotion dysregulation. Clinical Assessments: Each patient seen by psychology undergoes an intake assessment, with an emphasis on biopsychosocial conceptualization.
- Clinical intervention: Acceptance and commitment therapy; dialectical behaviour therapy skills group. Opportunities to engage in gut-focused clinical hypnosis for GI distress. Treatment is primarily group-based but there are also opportunities for individual intervention.
- Research: Psychosocial features of EDS/HSD; Health-related quality of life in EDS/HSD; Impact of behavioural interventions on quality of life and symptom management

##### **Psychologists:**

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*Number of practicum spots for Summer 2026 = 1*

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-27 = 2*

## EATING DISORDER PROGRAM, CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

- Population: Adults with Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder (OSFED), and Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), as well as comorbidities including Anxiety Disorders, Mood Disorders, Substance Use Disorders, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Personality Disorders. This is an intervention and assessment practicum.
- Clinical Intervention: Our program currently provides a full range of treatment intensities for adults with eating disorders. Our program provides cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)-based treatments, and includes inpatient, virtual intensive outpatient, and individual therapy services. Our services focus on evidence-based treatment and trauma-informed care. The practicum provides opportunities for training in individual and group CBT, and there may be opportunities for group DBT skills training.
- Clinical Assessments: The practicum provides opportunities for training in structured clinical interviewing and diagnostic assessment.
- Research: Our program conducts research on the etiology and maintenance of eating disorders, and treatment efficacy and effectiveness. Research opportunities may be available as part of the practicum, but are not guaranteed.

### Psychologists:

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### Ph.D. level students only

*Number of practicum spots for Summer 2026 = 0*

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-27 = 1-2*

*(note: indicated number of spots are tentative and to be confirmed)*

*Please note that the practicum will be conducted on-site*

## TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

### **BARIATRIC SURGERY PROGRAM**

The practicum includes the following opportunities:

- Assessments (required): semi-structured DSM-5-TR psychodiagnostic and psychosocial assessments to evaluate patients' readiness for bariatric surgery from a psychological and behavioural perspective are the focus of this placement.
- Interdisciplinary collaboration (required): assessment and intervention involve collaborating with an interdisciplinary team and attending weekly team rounds.
- Intervention (optional): (1) Groups: students can observe a variety of patient groups including an educational webinar, Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT) skills group, mindful eating group and a body image group. (2) Individual psychotherapy: students can provide individual treatment to 1-3 patients each week, with a focus on problematic eating behaviour.
- Research (optional): The Bariatric Surgery Program conducts research on psychological predictors of post-surgery outcomes, the effectiveness of psychological interventions, and other topics related to bariatric care. Students may have opportunities to be involved in research, but this is not guaranteed and would be undertaken outside of the clinical placement.

#### **Psychologists:**

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*Number of practicum spots for Summer 2026 = 2*

*Number of practicum spots for Fall/Winter 2026-27 = 2*

*Please note that this practicum can be completed partially or completely remotely*

## NEUROPSYCHOLOGY CLINIC, KREMBIL BRAIN INSTITUTE

- Population: neurology/neurosurgery outpatients, primarily with epilepsy and Parkinson's disease but includes other neurological disorders affecting cognition
- Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessments to inform suitability for neurosurgery (resective surgery in epilepsy, Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) in Parkinson's disease), cognitive outcome after surgery, or to aid in differential diagnosis
- Clinical Interventions: N/A
- Didactics: neuropsychology rounds, group supervision, and others
- Research: prediction of cognitive outcome following neurosurgical intervention; cognitive profile and brain correlates in epilepsy and Parkinson's disease; episodic memory in neurological conditions and healthy aging; cultural neuropsychology

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### Psychologists (co-supervisors for all trainees):

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### Ph.D. level students only

*Number of practicum spots for Summer 2026 = 0*

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-27 = 2-3*

## **TORONTO REHAB**

*The Kite TeleNeuroRehab Centre for Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Spinal Cord Rehab sites are part of the Brain and Spinal Cord program at Toronto Rehab. It is a joint placement with students completing 1-2 days per week at each rotation. Applications are reviewed by all psychologists from University and Lyndhurst Sites. This placement occurs on-site.*

**Email inquiries about this placement can be directed to: Dr. Martha McKay for Spinal Cord or Brenda Colella for The Kite TeleNeuroRehab Centre for ABI**

### **THE KITE TELENEUROREHAB CENTRE FOR ABI. UNIVERSITY SITE**

- Population: adults with wide range of acquired brain injuries, and various neurological disorders – chronic stages of injury (>6 months post-diagnosis) only
- Clinical Assessments: clinical neuropsychological
- Clinical Interventions: A number of remotely delivered group-based intervention programs are offered including cognitive behavioural therapy, mindfulness, Goal Management Training and psychoeducation. Interventions target symptoms including cognitive, mood and fatigue. In addition, the Centre has a range of research programs spanning basic to applied research.

#### **Psychologists:**

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## **SPINAL CORD REHAB, LYNDHURST SITE**

- Population: spinal cord injury patients with wide range of concomitant injuries, neurological disorders, various diagnoses. Individuals may present with adjustment, mood, anxiety, trauma, substance use disorders, cognitive, as well as other mental health concerns. Our program focuses on inpatient services, but may include outpatient services as well.
- Clinical Assessments: clinical psychological and neuropsychological assessments,
- Clinical Interventions: Typical intervention modalities employed, but not limited to, cognitive behavioural intervention; interpersonal therapy, emotion focused therapy; supportive counseling, cognitive remediation, individual and group interventions. Clinical interventions are focused on providing support for adjustment to life altering injury and addressing various symptom presentations.

### **Psychologists:**

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### **Ph.D. Students only**

*Number of practicum spots for Summer 2026 = 1*

*Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2026-27 = 1-2*

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply for a practicum position in any program, students must electronically submit:

- (1) UHN Psychology Practicum Checklist
- (2) cover letter (only 1 cover letter is required even if applying to multiple clinics)
- (3) curriculum vitae
- (4) copies of unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- (5) a listing of Psychological and/or Neuropsychological tests that the student has administered, scored, interpreted and written reports for, and
- (6) two letters of recommendation

Please submit items (1) – (5) as a single PDF to **marta.statucka@uhn.ca** with **“Psychology Practicum Application”** as the subject header.

Letters of recommendations should be emailed to the same address with **your name** in the subject header followed by **“Psychology Reference Letter.”** Please follow these instructions to ensure timely processing of your application.

*If you have questions about the application process or are unable to submit information electronically, please contact **marta.statucka@uhn.ca**.*

**\*NOTE: Health clearance needs to be completed prior to all placements. Supervisor will send information prior to placement about the online student registration system which details the required information. Please note that health clearance is the responsibility of the school/student and won't be done at UHN.**