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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 practica 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.

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

Dr. Matthew and Dr. D'agostino co-supervise all students. Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 2

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

Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 1; taking Ph.D. level students only

Population: adult cancer survivors

Research: neurocognitive outcomes of cancer survivors, psychoeducational and cognitive rehabilitation

Contact: Lori Bernstein, Ph.D. C.Psych. lori.bernstein@uhn.ca

(taking on research students only)

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL:

CARDIOLOGY

Population: adult patients with cardiovascular conditions

Clinical Assessments: psychophysiological 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

Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 2

EATING DISORDER PROGRAM, CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Population: Adults with Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, and Other Specified Feeding and Eating Disorder (OSFED), 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 provides intensive treatment for eating disorders including inpatient and day hospital treatments, and a relapse prevention program. The practicum provides opportunities for training in group and individual CBT, and DBT skills groups.

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, treatment efficacy and effectiveness, prediction of relapse, relapse prevention. Research opportunities may be available as part of the practicum.

Psychologists:

Danielle MacDonald, Ph.D., C.Psych. danielle.macdonald@uhn.ca

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Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 1

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

Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 1

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

Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 1

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS PROGRAM

Population: adult psychiatric outpatients suffering from Mood and Anxiety Substance use, PTSD OCD and Sleep Disorders, Also Chronic health problems including pain, HBP, cholesterol, Diabetes, Cardiovascular and GI and Stress related somatic problems 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, working on underlying and unresolved issues and including life style modifications

Treatment modalities include Cognitive Behavioural (CBT) psychoeducational and Dynamic therapy: in English, Spanish and Portuguese

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

BARIATRIC SURGERY PROGRAM

Population: Adult bariatric patients undergoing weight-loss surgery, both pre and post-surgery. Students will have the opportunity to work with patients with a variety of mental health presentations including mood disorders, anxiety disorders, trauma-related disorders, eating disorders, and substance use disorders. Patients also present with a variety of medical problems including diabetes, heart disease and sleep apnea.

Clinical Assessments (required): semi-structured psychodiagnostic and psychosocial assessments are the focus of this placement.

Clinical Intervention (optional): (1) Groups: there are opportunities for students to observe a variety of patient groups including support groups, CBT and mindfulness groups. (2) Individual psychotherapy: students can provide individual treatment to 1-2 patients each week.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration: assessment and intervention involve collaborating with an interdisciplinary team and includes weekly team rounds.

Research: students can attend departmental research meetings that occur every other month. The program is active in research and topics include the impact of psychological status on adjustment to surgery; mindfulness for bariatric patients; and 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

Number of practicum spots for Summer 2019 = 2; Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 2; students from accredited programs preferred)

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:

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Marta Statucka, Ph.D., C.Psych. marta.statucka@uhn.ca

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**Ph.D. level students only*

Number of practicum spots for Summer 2019 = 1; Number of practicum spots for Fall-Winter 2019-20 = 3

TORONTO REHAB:

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

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NEUROPSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY SITE - NEUROLOGY SERVICE

Population: head, neck & acquired brain injury – often work-related - outpatient

Clinical Assessments: neuropsychological assessment

Psychologists:

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 behavioural therapy

Psychologists:

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
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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

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY – RUMSEY SITE

Population: adults with wide range of acquired brain injuries – 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

Ph.D. level students only – joint placement with Spinal Cord program (see below)

SPINAL CORD REHAB, LYNDHURST SITE

Population: spinal cord injury patients – inpatient and outpatient

Clinical Assessments: clinical psychological and/or neuropsychological assessments, behavioural health assessment

Clinical Interventions: behavioural medicine; cognitive behavioural intervention; emotion focused therapy; supportive counseling, cognitive remediation, individual and group interventions

Psychologists:

Martha McKay, Ph.D., C.Psych. martha.mckay@uhn.ca

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Ph.D. level students only – joint placement with Neuropsychology – Rumsey Site

Number of practicum spots for the joint placement for Fall-Winter 2019 = 1

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 **February 1, 2019**.
Notification date for applicants is **March 20, 2019**.

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

***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.