

# Psychology Practicum Opportunities

### General Information

We encourage applications from students in Masters and Doctoral level Clinical Psychology (Ph.D. and Psy.D.) programs interested in acquiring practicum level training in Child Clinical/Paediatric Psychology. IWK Health is a tertiary care teaching centre and we serve a variety of children with complex disorders and their families. Psychological services are provided to infants, children and adolescents with a wide range of paediatric, developmental, and mental health disorders on an inpatient, residential, day treatment and outpatient basis. Details about practicum opportunities available at IWK Health are available on our website.

### Requirements

We believe that practicum students need specific skills in order to benefit from the practicum experiences we offer. Therefore, to serve as guidelines, we have developed criteria we would like students to meet before applying for a practicum. Some students may have different skills or experiences that may also adequately prepare them for a practicum in our setting. Interested students are encouraged to contact one of the IWK Coordinators of Practicum Training to discuss their individual needs and interests. Of note, all students are required to have had, or to be in the process of completing, a course in ethics. Knowledge of the *Canadian Code of Ethics for Psychologists* is essential.

### Application Process

Practica are generally available for one to two days per week over an extended period, or more intensively for a shorter block of time, such as over the summer. Selection between these options depends both on the nature of the service provided, as well as the scheduling preferences of the student and the supervisor. To ensure that there is fairness in the selection process, we require all students to complete the application form that is included in this information packet. The following deadlines for application should be noted:

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| ***Practicum Dates*** | ***Application Deadline*** |
| between April 1 and September 30 | January 15 |
| between October 1 and March 30 | June 30 |

Approximately one month prior to application deadlines, placement coordinators at Dalhousie, UNB and UPEI will receive a roster of available practicum supervisors for the next practicum period. Using this list of available placements, students should indicate on the application form their preferred practicum placements, in order of priority. Their application will be circulated to available supervisors in those placements. Please note that not all practicum opportunities listed on our website may be available at any specific time. Factors such as space limitations, staff leaves, or prior commitments to pre-doctoral resident training by specific supervisors may preclude a practicum being offered to an otherwise qualified student. Note that students seeking fall practica may have delays in finding out if a placement is possible, as incoming pre-doctoral residents’ rotation schedules may not be confirmed until late summer; residents have precedence regarding supervisor availability.

Students are welcome to discuss practicum possibilities and preferences with potential supervisors at any point in their program of study. They also may contact Dr. Brady, Coordinator of Practicum Training (see below for contact information). However, individual supervisors will not be able to confirm the availability of a practicum placement. Students will be informed of the availability of a practicum placement by one the Practicum Training Coordinators.

**Please note that completed health screeners, Child Abuse Registry Checks and Criminal Record checks are required before a placement can begin. Forms and details regarding required documentation will be provided to students once they have been offered a practicum placement.**



**Psychology Practicum Application**

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| **Year in Program:** |

## Education

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**Name of Dissertation Supervisor**:

## Academic and Clinical Experience

**Child Development and Clinical Courses Taken to Date (continue on separate page if necessary):**

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| **Course** | **Professor** | **Dates** |
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**Clinical Experience (e.g., practicum placements, supervised clinical training, skills workshops):**

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| **Dates** | **Type of Experience****(e.g., assessment, therapy, skills groups)** | **Facility** | **Supervisor** | **Hours Completed** |
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## Student Preferences

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| **Dates applying for:** |       |
| **Areas of interest in order of priority:** |       |
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| **Day(s) available:** |       |
| **Hours per week:** |       |

**Please note any vacation plans or other periods you may be unavailable during your placement:**

**What are your training goals for your practicum placement? (i.e., What skills/population/theoretical orientation do you hope to acquire/gain exposure to?)**

**What specific skills have you developed in previous practica (e.g., CBT with OCD population; DBT skills group with adolescents)?**

**How does your previous experience relate to your current interest in the preferred service(s)?**

*This question to be completed by your program’s Field Placement Coordinator/Practicum Coordinator*

**Please identify areas of particular strength and areas of potential further development while on practicum.**

Send this application **and your curriculum vitae** to:

Dr. Erika Brady

Coordinator of Practicum Training

Psychology, 4th Floor Link

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