

Holland Bloorview Psychology Practicum Program

Assessment Practicum in Pediatric Neuropsychology

About Holland Bloorview

Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital is Canada's largest children's rehabilitation hospital focused on improving the lives of children and youth with disabilities. We are a global leader in applied research, teaching and learning, and client and family centred care. Our vision is to create the most meaningful and healthy futures for all children, youth and families. Holland Bloorview is fully affiliated with the University of Toronto and home to the Bloorview Research Institute. Services at Holland Bloorview include inpatient hospital care for children, outpatient assessment clinics, therapy programs and community outreach programs. We have a school on the premises that provides educational programming during inpatient stays in the hospital, as well as a comprehensive program for young children with physical disabilities.



Holland Bloorview is centrally located in Toronto within a residential neighborhood that backs onto parks and recreational trails. It is accessible by public transit and includes many amenities to benefit clients, families, staff and the community, such as a family resource centre, a swimming pool, a fitness room for staff, a hotel for parents of clients, and a daycare for staff parents and the community.

We serve children and youth with many disabilities and diagnoses including acquired brain injury, concussion, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and genetic disorders. The focus within our clinical and research programs is on client and family centered care. Respect for diversity is also embedded within our core values and our facility is accessible for individuals with physical disabilities.

Specialization in Pediatric Neuropsychology

Holland Bloorview currently offers a child assessment practicum specializing in **pediatric neuropsychology** within the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program. Psychology practicum students in this placement will gain experience in neuropsychological assessment with clients who have sustained moderate to severe acquired brain injuries. There will also be training opportunities through our Concussion Clinic, providing focused neuropsychological assessments and consultations for children and youth with persisting post-concussion symptoms. Students will participate on multi-disciplinary rehabilitation teams and they will learn about brain injury recovery over time and across different levels of severity.

In this placement, students will gain experience working on both the inpatient and outpatient Brain Injury Rehabilitation Team (BIRT), as well as our Concussion Team, with specific training in the administration, scoring and interpretation of neuropsychological tests. Additional training will be provided in conducting intake interviews and feedback sessions, formulating impressions and diagnoses, writing clinical reports and consulting with healthcare providers on multi-disciplinary teams.

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Collaborative, Team-Based Training Model

This neuropsychology practicum placement is based on a collaborative, team-based training model within the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program. Each practicum student will be assigned a primary supervisor although case supervision will be provided by several neuropsychologists on the team. Students will receive a minimum of 1 hour a week of individual supervision by a licensed clinical neuropsychologist. The practicum coordinator will also meet with students in regular monthly meetings to track the progress of training goals during the practicum placement. To support opportunities for intern training in supervision (CPA Standard II.B.4), practicum students will receive additional supervision and mentorship by pre-doctoral psychology interns receiving metasupervision from supervising neuropsychologists.

Learning Opportunities

The goal of this practicum placement is to develop the breadth and depth of skills in pediatric neuropsychological assessment. Training will follow a mastery model in which students will be expected to assume increased clinical responsibility as the placement progresses. Practicum students will have additional learning opportunities by attending didactic seminars, Psychology Journal Club, clinical case rounds, and centre-wide forums presented by Holland Bloorview staff and external speakers, such as Grand Rounds and Bioethics presentations. The Teaching and Learning Institute also provides opportunities to enhance and develop learning initiatives for students throughout Holland Bloorview.

Applying to Our Program:

Practicum placements will run from September to April. Applicants interested in applying to our practicum in pediatric neuropsychology should email the following documents to Dr. Janine Hay at jhay@hollandbloorview.ca

- Current CV
- Letter of interest describing how your training experiences and goals would be a good fit for our program
- Two letters of reference (to be emailed separately)
- Most recent graduate transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- Name and contact information for your Director of Clinical Training and references



To learn more about the neuropsychology practicum program at Holland Bloorview, please contact Dr. Janine Hay, Practicum Coordinator. We follow GTA Practicum Match Day notification procedures. Applications are typically due around February 1.

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Please review our website at: www.hollandbloorview.ca

