



Practicum Training Program Application Information

Applications for September to April practicum terms are open in February of the same year.

The Practicum Training Program (PTP) is geared towards interns with limited or no previous clinical experience. It includes a structured training component, in addition to direct clinical contact, associated indirect tasks, and clinical supervision. Interns are placed in various Agency programs which offers individual, couple, family and group therapy on a wide range of clinical issues. For program descriptions, see the CFSPD website.

Placement Locations:

- Brampton: 60 West Dr. Suite 201, Brampton, ON L6T 3T6
- Mississauga: 2227 South Millway, Unit 202, Mississauga ON L5L 3R6 (*pending*).

Note: Placements will be based out of the Brampton location but interns may need to travel to Mississauga location based on client needs.

Application Deadline: February 28 of each year.

Important Dates: The PTP Year is from September to April.

Number of Positions Available: 3 positions

Eligibility: Interns must be graduate students who are completing a degree in social work, psychotherapy, marriage and family therapy, psychology, or another related field. Internationally trained professionals who are eligible to be registered and to practice in Canada are also accepted. Applicants must have completed courses in therapy or counselling skills, couple and family therapy, human development, trauma, violence, professional ethics, diversity, and inclusion and some of the major theories and approaches to therapy, including evidence-based models.

Application Process: Submit a completed application, resume, and cover letter to practicum@cfspd.com. A Selection Team reviews applications and invites candidates for an interview. Those selected after the interview will be asked to provide three references from individuals who are able to comment on their personal traits and aptitude for clinical work. At least one referee must be a current professor or direct supervisor. In special circumstances, a former professor or supervisor may act as a referee. Application forms are available at: <https://cfspd.com/contact/students-internships/>

Due to the number of applications received, we will only contact those who have been selected for an interview.

Interviews will be scheduled in March to early April.

Final selection of candidates will be completed by April.

Required Number of Hours: Interns are expected to commit to a minimum of 15 hours a week. These hours will be completed on Fridays, and either a Tuesday or Thursday depending on the assigned office location. Most Interns commit to additional hours, which allows them to accumulate more direct client contact hours, co-facilitate a group, and participate in Agency activities and meetings.



Intern Activities: Intern activities consist of: single session assessments and supportive counselling, direct contact with clients and associated indirect work, preparing clinical documentation, individual supervision (1 hour/week), group supervision (2-3 hours/month), consultation as needed, and training (1 module/month). Students are also encouraged to co-facilitate at least one group. Group activities may include pre-screening, preparation and debrief, co-facilitation, as well as supervision with the group leaders.

Contact: For questions or further information, please email us at: practicum@cfspd.com.

