**St. Amant Specialty Practicum**

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**Client Population and Clinical Setting:**

St. Amant Clinical Services provides a range of clinical services that support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout Manitoba. Within Clinical Services, Psychology Services offers assessment services for adolescents and adults who present with a range of clinical diagnoses and level of functioning. Assessments for older adolescents and adults are typically directed at assisting Community Living disABILITY Services in determining eligibility for services under the Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Act. Additional assessments may be offered as they become available.

**Goals and Requirements:**

Practicum students will receive readings, didactic instruction, and supervised experience in the assessment and diagnosis of Intellectual Developmental Disorder (IDD) in older adolescents and adults. Students will be provided with experiences to enhance their skills in clinical interviewing, administration, scoring, and interpretation of cognitive and adaptive behavior testing, comprehensive report writing, diagnosis of IDD, client feedback, and multidisciplinary collaboration. The goal of the practicum is to develop expertise and enhance clinical skills of students in the area of assessment. Through this practicum students will also gain knowledge of the services and challenges specific to individuals diagnosed with IDD. Students will be expected to complete a minimum of 150 hours including a minimum of 25 hours of supervision by a registered Psychologist and a minimum of 50 hours of direct time with clients. Students will be paid for the work that they complete at a rate of $30.50 per hour.

Assessments will consist of the following: File review; contact with the referral agent/client/caregiver; client/caregiver interview; administration, scoring and analysis of standardized tests (most often includes the WAIS-IV, CTONI-2 and ABAS-II; may include others); and completing a comprehensive report. Assessments for Family Services also require the completion of a Family Services and Labour form regarding clinical opinion of intellectual and adaptive behavior impairments and review of the results with the referral agent/client/caregiver. Each assessment requires approximately 6-20 hours depending upon the type of assessment and the nature of the situation.

In order to be considered for the paid practicum students must have completed a minimum of 5 cognitive assessments under the supervision of a registered Psychologist (excluding practice assessments).

**Supervision:**

A minimum of 25 hours of supervision will be provided and will include observations of testing and review meetings, consultation, and review of reports and FSL forms. Additional direct supervision can be accessed as needed.

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