

HEALTH/REHABILITATION TRACK

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Two (2) Resident Positions are available

Number of applications in 2021: 18

The Health/Rehabilitation Track is designed to provide residents with broad-based clinical training combined with specialization in the integration of the knowledge and techniques of health, behavioural, and biomedical sciences. The Track also allows interested residents the opportunity to receive training across the lifespan.

The primary goals of the Health/Rehabilitation Track are twofold:

- To provide an understanding of the relationship among psychosocial issues, health, physical illness, and disability, and;
- To apply clinical and research skills and knowledge to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of a wide variety of medical disorders and conditions.

Supervisors and clinical services are available in a number of rotations with different medical populations and presentations. There are opportunities to work with inpatients and outpatients, both in individual and group formats, and with a variety of assessment and intervention approaches.

To be considered for the Health/Rehabilitation Track, in addition to the core minimum requirements on pages 23-24, it is recommended that competitive applicants also have the following credentials by the time of application:

- At least 200 hours of assessment, intervention, consultation, and/or supervision experience involving health, physical illness, and disability
 - Applicants must explicitly identify the sources/sites, associated hours, and total of these hours in the application cover letter;
 - In general, it is expected that these hours were primarily clinical in nature (as opposed to, for example, dissertation research).
- For those seeking a lifespan approach to their training, practicum experience with a range of age groups (children, adults, and older adults) is an asset.
- For those wishing to complete a Major Rotation at Children's Hospital, Paediatric Health Psychology, resident applicants **must** have both of the following credentials:
 - 1) Coursework at the graduate and/or undergraduate level in child or lifespan development (or both) and in child psychopathology, assessment, and intervention;
 - 2) A minimum of 75 face-to-face hours of child and/or adolescent therapeutic experience.

*Note: The 75 face-to-face hours of child and/or adolescent therapeutic experience MAY be part of the 200 hours of experience involving health, physical illness, and disability described above (i.e., does not have to be in addition to), **if** they were also completed in those areas. Again, these specific experiences should be described in the application cover letter.*

Major Rotations available:

London Health Sciences Centre: Children's Hospital
London Health Sciences Centre: University Hospital
St. Joseph's Health Care London: Parkwood Institute
St. Joseph's Health Care London: St. Joseph's Hospital

London Health Sciences Centre: Children's Hospital

Psychologists in the Paediatric Health Psychology service of the Children's Hospital provide inpatient and outpatient services to children and families coping with acute and chronic medical conditions through a number of health focused clinics and interprofessional teams. Issues commonly addressed include coping with illness, medical compliance, and school adjustment.

Paediatric Health Psychology offers the following training experiences:

Inpatient:

Residents will become experienced in consultation-liaison and treatment services offered to a wide variety of inpatient medical services at the Children's Hospital (e.g., critical care, oncology, neurology, acquired brain injury, gastroenterology, and respirology). Services are provided for both children and their families for a number of different presenting problems such as treatment compliance, coping with prolonged hospitalization, and palliative care. Cognitive, emotional, and behavioural strategies are employed to assist in managing distressing physical (e.g., acute or chronic pain) and psychological (e.g., depression, anxiety, somatization) symptoms. The resident will attend relevant rounds (e.g., Oncology, Critical Care, General Medicine) and consult with medical team members.

Outpatient:

Work with outpatients will include assessment, therapy, as well as consultation within the hospital and occasionally with schools. Some flexibility in the amount and scope of outpatient work is possible. There are a number of opportunities for outpatient work on this rotation including the following:

Residents may work with patients originally seen in the hospital (e.g., cancer patients in late effects clinic, school reintegration program for cancer patients) or with their family members (e.g., sibling bereavement group therapy).

Residents may work with outpatient children, adolescents, and their families who have either a medical problem that affects their psychological adjustment, or psychological problems that affect their health or adjustment to a medical condition. Issues may include management of recurrent or chronic pain such as headaches or abdominal pain, anxiety and/or depression contributing, or related to, living with a medical condition, adjustment to a diagnosis, or adherence to treatment regimes.

Supervisors: Dr. Danielle Cataudella
Dr. Jennifer Crotonogino
Dr. Abirami Kandasamy
Ms. Ann Klinck
Dr. Cathy Maan

London Health Sciences Centre: Victoria Hospital

Behavioural Medicine Service

Residents may choose to work in the Behavioural Medicine Service. This clinical setting provides residents with a broad-based experience in the psychological assessment and treatment of patients with challenging medical conditions. Patients are referred from a wide variety of outpatient hospital programs, including internal medicine, gastroenterology, neurology, respirology, and others. Patients on this service present with comorbid physical (e.g., chronic pain, diabetes, and renal insufficiency) and psychological (e.g., depression, posttraumatic stress disorder, and personality disorders) conditions. Most patients present with significant changes in their quality of life and experience difficulties with coping and acceptance. Assessment measures can include indices of patient reported symptom and functional outcomes, psychological flexibility, and coping. Residents provide individual and group interventions on an outpatient basis. When available, residents also have the opportunity to supervise practicum level students.

Supervisor: Dr. Heather Getty

London Health Sciences Centre: University Hospital

Epilepsy

Residents may choose to work providing psychological services within the Clinical Neurological Sciences department, mainly the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU). The EMU provides 24-hour video electroencephalogram (EEG) monitoring. Patients with seizures are referred to this unit for diagnosis, medication adjustment, assessment for surgery etc. Residents on this service have the opportunity to work on an interdisciplinary team, including neurology, nursing, EEG technologists, clinical psychology, neuropsychology, social work, and occupational therapy. Regular attendance at clinical rounds is an important aspect of clinical training on this service.

One of the main roles for clinical psychology on this team is the diagnosis and treatment of patients with psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES), a form of functional neurological symptom disorder. In addition to inpatient assessment and consultation, the delivery of diagnoses to these patients is a key intervention, and is often undertaken as a team. Outpatient group treatment is offered to these patients. If individual treatment is appropriate, it is often comprised of trauma-focused cognitive-behavioural therapy, emotional regulation and distress tolerance, and/or structured treatment protocols for managing PNES. Clinical psychology is also occasionally asked to consult with other neurology patients in the hospital in regards to queries of other functional symptoms (e.g., functional gait, functional motor disorders).

Patients with epilepsy often have comorbid mental health diagnoses, and complex presentations with respect to cognitive function, post-surgical course, symptoms related to their seizures and post-ictal (i.e., after seizure) phases, etc. Short-term inpatient intervention is sometimes conducted to assist patients in managing their hospital admission (e.g., relaxation strategies, grounding strategies). Opportunities exist for residents to learn about systems issues (e.g., employment/disability concerns) in regards to chronic disease while providing individual outpatient treatment for mood, anxiety, and adjustment concerns (e.g., adjustment to diagnosis, adjustment after surgery, etc.).

Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Vernon-Scott

Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry

The resident may also work with the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service at University Hospital. This service is an interprofessional team (psychiatry, psychology, and mental health nursing) that provides mental health services to the inpatient medical-surgical units of the hospital. Patients referred to this service often have complex medical and psychiatric symptom presentations. Common reasons for referrals include adjustment to illness and recovery from complex surgery (e.g. transplantation), depression, anxiety, delirium and suicidality. This rotation provides opportunities for the resident to further develop skills in the areas of assessment and diagnosis, treatment, and interprofessional consultation. Treatment provided is typically cognitive behavioural in orientation.

Supervisor: Dr. Sandra Ulch

St. Joseph's Health Care London: St. Joseph's Hospital

At the St. Joseph's Hospital site of St. Joseph's Health Care London, Psychological Services are provided through the Comprehensive Pain Program.

Pain Management Program

The Pain Management Program offers interprofessional services for outpatients diagnosed with a range of persisting pain conditions, including musculoskeletal and neuropathic pain. Psychological services include education sessions, consultation, assessment, group treatment and follow-up/relapse prevention sessions, and, to a more limited degree, individual treatment. Treatment services are based on cognitive behavioural and acceptance-based approaches, and include interprofessional chronic pain management groups, depression treatment groups, and ACT groups. Residents work collaboratively with physicians, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Social Workers, and Pharmacists. Residents have the opportunity to participate in rounds, observe interprofessional treatment interventions, and facilitate access to community services. There may also be opportunities to be involved in program development and evaluation, or clinical research projects.

Supervisors: Dr. Marilyn Hill

TRACK	Health/Rehabilitation (see p. 49)			
ORGANIZATION	London Health Sciences Centre			St. Joseph s Health Care London
SITES	Children s Hospital (see p. 50)	Victoria Hospital (see p. 51)	University Hospital (see p. 51 52)	St. Joseph s Hospital (see p. 52)
MAJOR ROTATION/ SERVICE *See list of Minor Rotation options (p. 73-80)	- Paediatric Health Psychology • Inpatient • Outpatient	- General Behavioural Medicine Service	- Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Service - Epilepsy	- Pain Management Program

Sample Combinations of Major and Minor Rotation Schedules:

Track	1st Six Months		2nd Six Months	
	Major – 4 days/week		Major – 3 days/week	Minor – 1 day/week
Health/Rehabilitation	Behavioural Medicine (4 days) (LHSC)		Pain Management Program (SJHC)	Child/Adolescent Mood and Anxiety Disorders (LHSC)