

## Seniors and Caregivers Support Services (Spanish-speaking internationally trained student)

### KEY DETAILS

- **Student must be enrolled in the Mennonite New Life Centre's Bridge Training Program for Internationally Trained Mental Health Professionals**
- **Start date of September 2017. Days and hours to be negotiated with field instructor**

Description	Requirements
<p><b>Description of Program and Placement Opportunity:</b></p> <p>The Seniors and Caregivers Support Service (SCSS) Unit at Family Service Toronto provides social work services to older people and caregivers. Our work includes counselling, group work, advocacy, training and educational sessions on a variety of topics such as aging and memory loss, anger and guilt, how to access community resources, abuse of older adults, etc.</p> <p>Services offered to seniors and those over 50 with a disability both in office and via home visits.</p> <p>Work also entails counseling and support around a variety of issues from bereavement to anxiety, depression and loss. Students are offered a wide variety of experiences including direct counseling experience with both senior and caregiver populations using a variety of modalities and therapeutic interventions. Students are also invited to co-facilitate groups and gain vital group and presentation skills.</p>	<p><b>Skills that student <u>must</u> possess:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluency in oral and written English and oral fluency in Spanish</li> <li>• Practicum is quite independent and students should feel comfortable working independently with ongoing supervision.</li> <li>• Some previous experience with counselling and/or social service work.</li> <li>• An interest in working with seniors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Client Population:</b></p> <p>Services offered to seniors (60+) and those over 50 with a disability both in office and via home visits.</p> <p>This practicum involves a significant amount of work with senior clients dealing with issues of elder abuse and/or isolation.</p>	<p><b>Skills that would be an asset:</b></p> <p>Some knowledge and experience working with seniors and gerontology</p> <p>Familiarity with the community service system</p> <p>Familiarity with the Outcome Rating Scale/Session Rating Scale (ORS/SRS) or Inter RAI-CHA assessments</p>
<p><b>Student Responsibilities:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Counselling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Couple Counselling</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Counselling</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Counselling (including workshops, seminars)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Visits</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Research</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Program Evaluation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative Work</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Client Advocacy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Policy Work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Media/Marketing/PR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:</p>	<p><b>Does this placement require...</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Criminal Record Check</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable Sector Search</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Use of own Car</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evening Attendance</p> <p><b>If yes, when?</b></p> <p>Student may participate in evening groups, depending on interest level and availability</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Languages other than English</p> <p><b>Please specify:</b> Spanish</p>

<b>Location of Placement:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X_128 Sterling Rd</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X_747 Warden Ave. (optional)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>700 Lawrence W.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X_Other, please specify:</b>  Some work in the community may be required for home visits.	<b>Additional Comments:</b>
<b>Field Instructor's Name:</b> Evelyn Kachanovzky	
<b>Field Instructor's Academic and Experience Credentials:</b>  Internationally trained psychologist (Bachelor in Psychology), Master in Social Gerontology, member of the OACCPP.	
<b>Field Instructor's Supervisory Style and Areas of Expertise/Interest (e.g., one weekly formal supervision meeting/open door policy; specific interest in group work and mindfulness):</b>  Formal weekly supervision with ongoing informal supervision. Psychodynamic, psycho- educational approach, narrative therapy and visual art therapy.  Others SCSS team members will be available for consultation.	