

BC Psychosis Program – UBC Hospital
Clinical Psychology Practicum
Neuropsychology Practicum
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Supervisors

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About the Site and the Role of Psychology

The BC Psychosis Program (BCPP) at UBC Hospital provides unique, highly specialized inpatient services to adults with persistent schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders. Patients are referred to the program when other treatment approaches have been ineffective or partially effective. The BCPP is a tertiary mental health facility that provides services to patients from health authorities across BC (e.g., Vancouver Coastal Health, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Northern Health, Island Health). We are an interdisciplinary program comprised of psychiatry, psychology, neuropsychology, nursing, pharmacy, general medicine, occupational therapy, recreation therapy, peer support, social work, and music therapy. The expected length of stay for inpatients at BCPP is four to six months or longer, depending on individual needs.

The clinical psychologist at BCPP offers individual and group therapy services, including a cognitive remediation therapy group. Treatment is predominantly CBT for psychosis focused with integration other evidence-based treatment such as DBT and ACT. The neuropsychologist provides routine brief neuropsychological assessments, as well as follow-up or more in-depth neuropsychological assessments as needed. The psychologists are involved in treatment and discharge planning.

Training Experiences

- Clinical Psychology intervention practicum: Strong multidisciplinary team-based experience - the student will work closely with psychiatrists, nursing staff, OT, and other psychology staff and students. Students get exposure to working with patients presenting with acute psychosis and other psychiatric symptoms (mania, depression, anxiety, etc.). The therapy component involves assessment and treatment formulation, integrating treatment for psychosis (primarily using CBT along with ACT and DBT skills) with other comorbid difficulties (commonly including mood, various anxiety and OCD symptoms, as well as substance use). Multiple groups co-lead by students that include CBT for psychosis, Cognitive Remediation Therapy (CRT), and Metacognitive Therapy. Diverse population (multi-ethnic and indigenous) from across BC. Opportunity to present diagnostic opinion and/or treatment progress at weekly case conference rounds and aid in treatment and discharge planning.
- Neuropsychology assessment practicum: routine brief neuropsychological assessments of adult inpatients with schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders. Students will be involved in chart review, brief interview, neuropsychological testing/scoring/interpretation of a fixed-flexible battery, report writing, and feedback.

Students will also have the opportunity to present assessment results to the multidisciplinary team during case conferences. There is no intervention experience in this placement.

Didactic Opportunities

Trainees will have the opportunity to participate in the unit interdisciplinary diagnostic rounds, as well as to attend clinical rounds and seminars (e.g., Psychology Rounds, BC Psychosis Education Rounds, Neuropsychiatry Rounds, Psychiatry Educational Rounds).

Structure and Duration

- Clinical Psychology intervention practicum: Two positions available. Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday in-person only. Six-month placements, likely starting first week of October and first week of April.
- Neuropsychology assessment practicum: One position available. two days per week, Wednesday and Thursdays in-person only. Four-month placement, timing to be determined in coordination with VCH neuropsychology residency rotation selection.

Stipend

None available.

Application Requirements

- Clinical Psychology intervention practicum: This placement is for senior students (e.g., last year before residency). Applicants should have in-depth knowledge of CBT and previous practicum experience with CBT.
- Neuropsychology assessment practicum: This placement is for senior students (e.g., last year before residency) in a neuropsychology program who already have graduate coursework in neuropsychology and experience administering neuropsychological tests (e.g., WAIS, DKEFS, BVMT, HVLT). Applicants should have an intention to specialize in neuropsychology.

Application Process

Application to include cover letter, CV of prior clinical psychology/neuropsychology experience, and names/contact information of 2 references.

Applications should be submitted by email to the relevant supervisor by February 23, 2026. Interviews will be conducted in early March and applicants will be notified on practicum match day (March 23, 2026).