

**Willow Pavilion - Tertiary Mental Health and Substance Use  
Cognitive Remediation Practicum  
May – August 2026**

Supervisor

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About the Site

Willow Pavilion, a tertiary mental health facility, provides interdisciplinary-based assessment, treatment, and psychosocial rehabilitation to adult and older adult inpatients with serious mental illness (e.g., schizophrenia and related disorders). Inpatients at Willow Pavilion often require long-term admissions to the program ranging from six weeks to 24 months, depending on individual needs.

Clinical Training Experiences Available

This practicum is designed to provide training in cognitive remediation group facilitation in an inpatient, tertiary mental health setting. This opportunity is for senior students with previous practicum experience, preferably in a hospital setting.

*Intervention Experience:* Trainees will co-facilitate a cognitive remediation group. Trainees will also meet with clients 1:1 to work on individual cognitive strategy use.

*Assessment Experience:* Although this placement is primarily focused on group facilitation, trainees will have the opportunity to conduct brief pre- and post-group assessments (e.g., cognitive screens).

*Consultation Experience:* Trainees may have the opportunity to consult with interdisciplinary team members.

Other Didactic Opportunities

Trainees are encouraged to attend clinical rounds and seminars throughout their placement (e.g., Psychology Rounds, VCH – Department of Psychiatry Educational Rounds).

Structure & Duration

This practicum placement is one to two days per week and is set to begin in May 2026 and run for approximately 4 months (until the end of August 2026).



Stipend

None available.

Application Requirements

Suitable applicants will have:

1. Completed graduate level coursework in cognition / brain functioning (e.g., biological basis of behaviour).
2. An interest in psychosocial rehabilitation in serious mental illness.

Application Process

Please submit the following to [chantelle.giesbrecht2@vch.ca](mailto:chantelle.giesbrecht2@vch.ca) by **February 23, 2026**:

1. Cover letter that (a) provides a summary of your training experiences in clinical psychology, and (b) outlines your training goals for this practicum.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Two letters of recommendation from referees who can speak to your clinical strengths and areas for growth.

Interviews will be conducted in early March and applicants will be notified on **March 23, 2026**

