

**Willow Pavilion - Tertiary Mental Health and Substance Use Services  
Neuropsychology Practicum  
September 2024 to April 2025**

Supervisor

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About the Site & Role of Psychology

Willow Pavilion, a tertiary mental health and substance use facility, provides interdisciplinary-based assessment, treatment, and psychosocial rehabilitation to adult and older adult inpatients with complex and 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.

The psychologist working at this site offers neuropsychological consultation services throughout the four units at Willow Pavilion. Neuropsychological assessment referral questions often pertain to treatment and discharge planning, as well as diagnostic clarification from a neurocognitive perspective. The psychologist also co-facilitates a cognitive remediation group.

Clinical Training Experiences Available

This practicum is designed to provide training in the practice of clinical neuropsychology in an inpatient, tertiary mental health setting. Applicants at various stages of training are encouraged to apply, as the specific practicum experiences can be tailored to individual skills and goals.

*Assessment Experience:* Depending on experience level, trainees will have the opportunity to complete various aspects of the neuropsychological assessment, including medical chart review, consultation with interdisciplinary team members, clinical interviews, test administration, scoring, and interpretation, report writing, and feedback. Assessments range from brief cognitive screens to comprehensive neuropsychological assessments.

*Intervention Experience:* Depending on level of experience, interest, and scheduling of programs, trainees may have the opportunity to observe and / or co-facilitate a cognitive remediation group.

*Consultation Experience:* Depending on experience level, trainees may have the opportunity to communicate neuropsychological assessment findings to interdisciplinary teams during weekly patient rounds.

### 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, etc.).

### Structure & Duration

This practicum placement is two days per week and is set to begin in September 2024 and run for eight months (until the end of April 2025).

### Stipend

None available.

### Application Requirements

Suitable applicants will have:

1. Completed graduate level coursework in assessment. Completion of neuropsychological assessment courses is an asset.
2. Experience with administrating the WAIS-IV.

*Please note that trainees will be required to follow applicable COVID-19 vaccination requirements set forth by Vancouver Coastal Health.*

### Application Process

Please submit the following to [chantelle.giesbrecht2@vch.ca](mailto:chantelle.giesbrecht2@vch.ca) by **February 26, 2024**:

1. Cover letter that (a) provides a brief summary of your training experiences in clinical psychology and neuropsychological assessment, and (b) outlines your training goals for this practicum.
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. The names and contact information for two references 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 25, 2024**