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## **COUNSELLING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

### **MASTER'S LEVEL COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICUM**

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#### **PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION**

BCIT's Counselling and Student Development department welcomes your application for a Master's level practicum position. Placements will be three days per week (8:30 am-4:30pm) from September 2023 through April 2024.

Practicum placements at BCIT provide the comprehensive training and experience necessary for counsellors interested in practicing in post-secondary student counselling or related settings. By completing your practicum with us you can expect a broad range of experiences, a diversity of clients and presenting concerns, a young-adult to adult-aged client population, flexibility to your theoretical orientation and intervention approaches, opportunities for longer-term counselling with some clients, and confidence in being able to fulfil your required practicum hours. Placements also offer the opportunity to work with a collaborative, experienced, and well-organized department of professionals and to benefit from the highly skilled educational community unique to BCIT.

BCIT's Counselling and Student Development department offers individual and some group counselling to all enrolled full- and part-time BCIT students. We also provide psychoeducational workshops to students, staff, and faculty. Our services are co-located with BCIT's Student Health Services, which operates as a medical clinic with nurses, doctors, and a part-time psychiatrist. Cross-referrals are common between the two departments.

A BCIT practicum counsellor's typical weekly activities will likely include, but not be limited to:

- Direct client contact such as individual counselling, (co-)facilitating workshops and groups, participation in crisis and critical incident protocols if they arise, and outreach activities
- Professional activities such as clinical preparation, workshop/group preparation, case note writing, video-recording review, professional reading and development, and other counsellor activities
- Supervision activities such as individual supervision, group supervision, co-counselling, case consultation, conferring with other professionals, supervision of group (co-) facilitation activities, goal setting, and planning/evaluation sessions

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in a Master's level counsellor-training program
- Have the approval of their graduate supervisor to apply
- Be committed to the BCIT practicum schedule
- Be committed to maintaining the ethical and professional standards and guidelines of the British Columbia Association of Clinical Counsellors or equivalent
- Demonstrate mastery of basic counselling skills
- Have completed a supervised training clinic (preferred)

Application packages must include a:

- Current résumé
- One-page letter of intent specifying the activities you expect to be performing in the placement, the training you expect from BCIT, your professional objectives for the placement, how this placement fits with your career goals, and the skills and qualities you will bring to the position
- Letter of recommendation from a clinical supervisor and a letter of recommendation from an academic supervisor

Note: Short-listed candidates will be contacted to arrange a Zoom interview. During the interview, the candidate will be required to share a 15-minute (maximum) video of a continuous section from a mock initial counselling session that demonstrates the candidate's abilities to form a counselling relationship, implement basic counselling skills, and develop clear goals for counselling. Candidates will also be required to provide a copy of the written consent with the mock client at this time.

Accepted applicants are required to have a recent clear criminal record check prior to start date of the practicum placement.

## **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Only complete application packages submitted as a single collated email and received at [raymond\\_devries@bcit.ca](mailto:raymond_devries@bcit.ca) with a cc: to [kkonieczny@bcit.ca](mailto:kkonieczny@bcit.ca) no later than February 3, 2023, will be reviewed.

Please contact [raymond\\_devries@bcit.ca](mailto:raymond_devries@bcit.ca) for questions or further information.