



Externship Program

Placement Profile

ORGANISATION/FIRM:	Hamilton Community Legal Clinic/Clinique juridique communautaire de Hamilton
LOCATION:	100 Main St E, Suite 203 (2nd Floor) Hamilton, ON L8N 3W4
WEBSITE:	www.hamiltonjustice.ca
DESCRIPTION of ORGANISATION:	Hamilton Community Legal Clinic is a community-based not-for-profit agency whose diverse team of caring professionals and volunteers provides legal services to low income individuals and communities to promote access to justice and to improve quality of life. We do this through summary advice and referral, representation, community development, law reform, and public legal education.
NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE:	1
ON-SITE SUPERVISOR NAME:	Lindsay Beckham
ON-SITE WORKSPACE AVAILABLE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ON-SITE COMPUTER AVAILABLE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, student needs own laptop
HOURS:	Students will primarily complete work during typical office hours (8:30am – 4:30pm). <i>Please include additional information about hours of work in the space that follows:</i> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am - 4:30 pm Wednesday 8:30am - 12pm
REQUIRED PLACEMENT COMPETENCIES:	Students must be able to appreciate and sensitively respond to the experiences of diverse clients with low income, many of whom experience issues with mental health and addiction. Attention to detail is key.
PREFERRED COMPETENCIES:	Experience interviewing is an asset, as is capacity to speak French and other languages.

REQUIRED COURSES: n/a

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REQUIRED PRE-PLACEMENT READING

- Law Society of Ontario materials clarifying “legal information” v. “legal advice”
- n/a

ANTICIPATED AREAS OF LAW: Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); some residential tenancies.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK ASSIGNMENTS: The primary role is to interview clients who are appealing the denial of their ODSP applications. Retainers and consent documents need to be explained, completed and signed. The student will then take the client through a series of questions related to their medical conditions, functional limitations, treatment, health care providers, medications, restrictions, etc. The role requires a mature manner with strong inter-personal skills and empathy. Information is highly personal and confidential. It is anticipated that there will also be time to conduct legal research for caseworkers on the housing team.

POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED:
 Yes, type of Police Clearance:
 No
If yes, what type of police clearance is required

TRAVEL REQUIRED:
 Yes, type of travel required:
 No
If yes, please provide a description

CAR REQUIRED:
 Yes, description as follows:
 No
If yes, please provide a description

LODGING REQUIRED:
 Yes, description as follows:
 No
If yes, please provide a description

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: n/a
List any supplies a student is required to have

NOTES REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY: This worksite is accessible to persons with physical impairments. Please include other notes regarding accessibility in the space that follows:
n/a
Please discuss your individual needs with the Externship Program Director.

OTHER NOTES ABOUT THE ORGANISATION (optional):

The Clinic has an Indigenous Justice initiative that seeks to build relationships of trust with Indigenous people. Cultural sensitivity is critical and will be supported by the Clinic.

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