



Externship Program

Placement Profile

Organization:	Mississauga Community Legal Service
Location of Placement:	504-130 Dundas Street East Mississauga ON L5A 3V8
Website:	Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MississaugaCommunityLegalServices Website: http://www.legalclinicsinpeel.ca/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/#!/MissLegalClinic
Description of Organization	Mississauga Community Legal Services (MCLS) provides legal services to people with low income in the Mississauga area. The clinic mandate is to provide free legal information, advice and representation to low-income residents in areas of law that are practiced by the clinics (including housing, immigration, and social benefits). The clinic is staffed by lawyers, community legal workers and administrative staff, and directed by a volunteer Board of Directors, whose members come from the community. The clinic is funded by Legal Aid Ontario (LAO).
Number of Placements Available:	1
Placement Supervisor:	Ms. Rosalea Thompson, Staff Lawyer Name, email
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
Regular Hours:	Students will primarily complete work during typical office hours (9:30am – 5:00pm). <i>Additional information about hours of work:</i> Clinic hours are: M-F 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM TH 1:00 – 5:00 PM Closed daily 12:30-1:00 pm We are looking for someone able to dedicate a min. of 3-5 hours per week (flexibility around exams and school deadlines).

Required Competencies:

Student must be able to appreciate and sensitively respond to the experiences of clients with low income.
Student must be able to work with clients experiencing mental health challenges.
Preference for student to have an interest in social justice and immigration/refugee law.
Preference for third year student for this placement, as this work will require strong research skills, specifically in immigration and refugee law.

Preferred Competencies:

n/a

Required Courses:

n/a

Preferred courses:

Students will benefit from having taken an immigration and refugee law course. Previous clinic work will also be a benefit.

Pre-placement Readings:

- Law Society of Ontario materials clarifying “legal information” v. “legal advice”
- LSO Rules of Professional Conduct

Area(s) of Law:

Immigration Law

Description of Work Assignments:

The immigration team at MCLS is seeking an upper level (third year) placement student to help the team with legal research, social science research and country condition research that will be used to prepare immigration applications and appeals, and public legal education seminars. The placement student should have a dedicated interest in immigration and refugee law, as the work will be primarily in this area of law.

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:

A car is not required, but would be helpful. The clinic is on the following bus routes: Mississauga Buses 1A, 1B and 1C – Stop 0751.

- No

If yes, please provide a description

Lodging Required:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, please provide a description

Other Requirements:

n/a

List any supplies a student is required to have

Notes Regarding Accessibility:

This is an accessible worksite. <i>Other notes regarding accessibility: n/a</i>

Please discuss your individual needs with the Externship Program Director.

Other Notes:

Students will be interviewed by the HR Manager, Xuan Nguyen-Vi and the Staff Lawyer, Rosalea Thompson before being accepted for a placement.

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