



# CFS of Hamilton Internship Program

At CFS of Hamilton we pride ourselves on offering high-quality, evidence-based counselling that is provided by a team of experienced counsellors and Master's degree interns who provide counselling under supervision. All of our counsellors provide professional services in a safe, supportive and strength-based ways.

All of our full-time employees have Master's degrees and are registered counsellors in good standing with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario or the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.

Historically, we have accepted 2-3 students per term from the following universities:

- Adler University: MA Counselling Psychology
- Niagara University: MSc Counselling
- Yorkville University: MA Counselling Psychology
- University of Windsor: MSW

We are open to taking on interns from additional graduate programs, however our preference for student interns is that they:

- Are enrolled in a Master's degree program in Social Work, Counselling or Theology
- Have completed most of their course work
- Have training in **suicide and/or crisis intervention**
- Are covered independently by at least **\$2M liability insurance**
- Have placements of 2-3 days/week for **8+ months**
- Are available on Tuesdays from 12-7:30 to support our walk-in counselling program
- Engage in **anti-oppressive practice**
- Are passionate about supporting individuals who are particularly vulnerable and marginalized members of our community

As a learning environment, the counselling team at CFS is committed to:

- Covering **WSIB premiums** for the duration of the placement
- Providing interns with **1-2 hours of supervision** and support each week with a counsellor who has **specialized training in clinical supervision**
- Matching client needs with intern **scope of practice** and learning goals
- Ensuring a counsellor is on site to provide immediate **in-session support**, should a crisis arise

Our interns generally have much smaller case loads than our full-time counsellors to provide them with ample time for preparation and debriefing of client sessions. Our interns provide single session counselling at our walk-in clinic on Tuesdays and 2-3 additional days/week. Our interns are able to see 3-4 clients/day.

If you are interested in a graduate student placement, please email [internships@cfshw.com](mailto:internships@cfshw.com) with your resume and covering letter outlining your practicum requirements.