

Forensics means “after the fact”. But we need you now.

Located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the IWK Health Centre, the Children’s Hospital of the Maritimes, provides quality care to women, children, youth and families. IWK Psychology is strong and growing, with over 50 doctoral and MA psychologists and assistive roles. Our Predoctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology is CPA accredited.

The **Mental Health and Addictions Program (MHA)** is one of three clinical programs at the IWK Health Centre. The MHA Program provides evidence-based services in schools, community clinics, day and residential settings, as well as inpatient setting for the most acutely ill children and youth. We offer more indirect services through consultation with family practice physicians as well as training with community partners to enhance skills to provide care in the community. Through our Choice and Partnership Approach (CAPA), a variety of options for treatment are available to match the needs and goals of the families seeking help. Referrals for service come from family physicians, other mental health and addictions care providers, schools, and community agencies, as well as self referrals from youth and families.

Clinical Psychologists - Youth Forensics

The IWK has openings for several Forensically Trained Clinical Psychologists at all levels (entry to the profession at the doctoral level and clinical leadership roles). This specialized interdisciplinary team (psychology, psychiatry, social work, nurses, community support workers, and teachers) provides a comprehensive, broad-spectrum of services to youth before the court, both in an outpatient mental health in Halifax and a secure-care/ detention setting in Wolfville, Nova Scotia where Psychologists conduct evidence-based Section 34 assessments, provide assessments and treatment for sexually aggressive youth, and provide rehabilitation-focused psychotherapy and family-based interventions.

Consultation and collaboration with IWK Forensic colleagues and community service partners and providers is highly valued. Expert testimony in court proceedings is an important component to this work.

The IWK Health Centre Predoctoral Residency Program in Pediatric and Child-Adolescent Psychology is CPA accredited. All Psychologists at the IWK are expected to actively participate in training residents and Clinical Psychology practicum students. Candidates for Psychology positions who have the appropriate credentials may be considered for academic adjunct appointment in an appropriate university department at Dalhousie University. Further information about these positions can be obtained from Vicky Veitch Wolfe, Ph.D., Psychology Professional Practice Chief, at 902-470-8458 or vicky.wolfe@iwk.nshealth.ca.

Applicants are asked to include a copy of his/her curriculum vitae, pertinent scientific and professional publications and three letters of recommendations from professionals attesting to the applicant’s clinical training, clinical skills and character. For individuals with less than 3 years of experience, an additional letter must be provided from the Director of Clinical Training at the institution where the applicant completed his/her clinical internship.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ph. D / PsyD Degree in Clinical Psychology from a CPA or APA accredited university program or equivalent.
- Completion of a full year, full time CPA or APA clinical internship/residency, or equivalent
- Registered, or eligible to be registered, with the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology.
- Minimum five (5) years of formal training and clinical experience in child/adolescent mental health.
- Formal academic training and clinical experience in assessing risk for sexual and violent recidivism.
- Formal academic and clinical experience with evidence-based assessment and intervention methods relevant to a broad-range of risk and mental health concerns typical of youth forensic populations and their families.
- Strong inter-professional skills and capacity work effectively with professional and paraprofessional colleagues, members of court, and our community partners.
- Demonstrated knowledge in the area of ecological intervention preferred.
- Ability to participate in the clinical training activities of the Psychology Discipline.
- In-depth expertise in one or more youth forensic specializations is an asset (e.g., sexually aggressive youth, risk assessment tools, etc.)
- Competencies in other languages an asset; French preferred.

DETAILS:

Annual Salary: \$80,215 - \$102,769, plus stipends for leadership roles

Competition #: L-2013-1161 / Applications will be continuously accepted due to growth in Program

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