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Department of Supportive Care, the University Health Network

Clinical Fellowship

Program description

A one-year clinical fellowship is offered at the Department of Supportive Care. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, the Department of Supportive Care at Princess Margaret provides fellows with an outstanding clinical experience. The department offers fellows in palliative care a wide range of supervisors and positions within its clinical programs, making the Department of Supportive Care a major contributor to the success of these fellowships.

Fellows will work in different palliative care practice settings such as community and tertiary palliative care units, inpatient palliative care consultation service, residential hospice, outpatient palliative care clinics and community-based home-visiting palliative care teams

Fellows will learn about palliative care for patients and families at diagnosis, during active treatment, in the event of acute medical issues, after completing treatment, and end-of-life. Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and perform palliative consultations with supervision to aid in developing diagnostic and formulation skills, and receive ongoing clinical supervision. During the training, fellows will provide palliative care for a wide spectrum of patients with malignant and non-malignant illnesses and they can customize their training to have additional training in cancer palliative care or non-malignant palliative care.

Clinical fellows will complete a scholarly project during their training and will participate in an interdisciplinary academic environment with ample opportunity for feedback and presentation at local rounds, including the Pain and Symptom Management Rounds and Departmental Grand Rounds as well as leadership opportunities including junior attending roles and committee participation.

Eligibility

Eligible applicant must

- have a medical degree
- have completed specialty training in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Radiation Oncology or Neurology be eligible for obtaining the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) medical practice license

For details on the eligibility requirements, visit [Postgraduate Medical Education website at http://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-fellowship-training/](http://pg.postmd.utoronto.ca/applicants/apply-for-fellowship-training/)

Application Process

1. Submit the following documents to Louise Lee, the Education Coordinator at louise.lee2@uhn.ca
Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, the University Health Network
 - a) Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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b) Letter of intent.

This should include the following:

- Rationale for pursuing training in palliative care
- Previous experience in palliative care
- Personal goals and learning objectives for the program
- How the fellowship experience will fit with your future needs

2) After initial screening, if accepted, an interview with the fellowship committee will be conducted.

The applicant will be evaluated based on the following criteria

- a) Commitment to the field of palliative care
- b) Academic achievements (i.e., Participation in the educational activities, program development, research and scholarly work)
- c) Potential for leadership

Applicants will also need to demonstrate language proficiency in English.

3) Once accepted, the applicant will:

- a) Apply through the Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) office at the University of Toronto and
- b) Apply to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. This should be done at the same time as applying to the PGME office.

Funding

Funding is available on a competitive basis. This can be discussed during the interview with the fellowship committee.

Deadline for 2018-2019 Fellowships

- July 31, 2017 for International Applicants
- January 15, 2018 for Canadian Applicants