



Project Code: Gutowski

APD 1210 RESEARCH PRACTICUM COURSE

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS 2024-25

FALL/WINTER

Name and Title: *Ellen Gutowski PhD Assistant Professor*

Lab Website: www.drellengutowski.com

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT: *Intimate Partner Violence Survivors' Experiences with Systems*

NUMBER OF STUDENT PLACES AVAILABLE: 2

PRIMARY MODE OF RESEARCH PLACEMENT PARTICIPATION (circle one option and describe):

IN PERSON REMOTE (ONLINE) HYBRID/FLEXIBLE

Please describe: Often there is flexibility to do work remotely, however, lab meetings will primarily be held in-person and some activities (e.g., data collection) may require some in-person work.

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY:

This position will largely be dedicated to ongoing research on the experiences of survivors of intimate partner violence with formal systems. Specifically, the practicum student will largely help us with an on-going project on survivors' experiences with mental health services. We leveraged a community-based qualitative approach to explore the experiences of adult survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) who identify as cisgender women, non-binary, and/or transgender with accessing counselling and/or psychotherapy in Ontario during or after experiencing abuse from a partner. This community-based qualitative research will enable us to gain an understanding of survivors' experiences in counselling and/or psychotherapy – including the process of engaging in and accessing services, participating in the therapeutic relationship with their providers, as well as the overall consequences of these experiences for their mental health.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

- Help with qualitative data analysis (e.g., coding)
- Literature searches & reviews
- Participation in weekly team meetings



- Potential opportunities for involvement with dissemination of research findings via writing up research results, conference submissions, presentations, etc.

Students may also be asked to help with tasks such as:

- Transcriptions of audio recordings
- Data management & analysis
- Research administration activities

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SKILLS/BACKGROUND (OPTIONAL):

- Detail-oriented, motivated, good communicator, ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Any experience with conference presentations, contributing to writing research manuscripts is an asset though not required -- training is available
- Experience with qualitative data analysis is an asset though not required -- training is available
- Interest in social justice/anti-oppression work (specific interests in intimate partner violence, trauma, gender-based violence, psychotherapy for underserved populations, mental health or related topics) is an asset

DAY AND TIMES OF LAB MEETINGS:

Weekly lab meetings (have been on Tuesday mornings, but this may change).