Project Name:
Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Children’s College

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Description:
Behaviour Innovations, Children’s College is a private special education school located at 618 The Queensway, Toronto that provides intensive behavioural intervention for children with autism aged 2 to 17 years of age. Numerous outcome studies have indicated that the treatment intervention of choice for young children with autism is intensive behavioural intervention (IBI). IBI consists of providing between 20 and 40 hours of treatment per week in which teams of trained and supervised interventionists teach specific skills using principles of applied behaviour analysis (ABA). Numerous outcome studies have indicated that this approach is the treatment of choice for children with autism. This practicum provides students with an experience in being trained and supervised to implement IBI for children with autism. Although, the majority of children are taught skills on a one-to-one basis, there are two Preparatory classrooms in which children with autism are taught in small groups to prepare them for educational inclusion.

McMaster students would be trained and supervised in implementing IBI/ABA with children with autism with either children individually or in the preparatory classroom. The placement is 7.5 hours per week (8:00am-4:00pm) to allow the students to be trained to work with 1-2 children. Students would be expected to write a 15-page case study describing their intervention and results, supported by empirical references.

Location: 618 The Queensway, Etobicoke (between Royal York Rd and Park Lawn, just north of Gardiner Expressway)

Special Requirements: Students will need a car or take the Go Train to Mimico station followed by a 10 minute walk.

Number of Students That Can Be Accommodated: 5