



Code: Gutowski

APD 1210 RESEARCH PRACTICUM COURSE

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS 2023-24 FALL/WINTER

Name and Title: *Ellen Gutowski PhD Assistant Professor*

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TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT: *Intimate Partner Violence Survivors' Experiences in Counselling and Psychotherapy*

NUMBER OF STUDENT PLACES AVAILABLE: *1*

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 data collection may require some in-person work.

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY:

This position will largely be dedicated to a new qualitative project on the experiences of survivors of intimate partner violence with psychotherapy/counselling. For this project, we are leveraging 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' perceptions of 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 collection (e.g., recruitment) & analysis (e.g., coding)

- Literature searches & reviews
- Participation in weekly team meetings
- Involvement with dissemination of research findings via writing research reports, conference submissions, presentations, etc.



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

- 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 Wednesday mornings, but this may change in the fall).