

GILMOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES DOCTORAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

DIDACTIC AND CASE CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2026-2027

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Program Duration: September 2, 2026 - August 31, 2027

CORE SEMINAR SERIES

Weekly Meetings - Training Seminars and Case Conferences at GPS Headquarters: Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (1.5 hours)

City-Wide Seminars – Biweekly/Monthly: typically, Friday mornings or afternoons (3.0 hours per month, schedule/topics to be determined)

COMBINED DIDACTIC AND CASE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FALL SEMESTER (SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2026)

Date	Type	Topic/Activity	Presenter/Facilitator
September 3	ORIENTATION	Program Overview, Policies & Procedures	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
September 10	SEMINAR	Ethics and Professional Standards: Canadian Code of Ethics	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
September 17	SEMINAR	Working with LGBTQ+ and Diversity: Humility & Self-Awareness	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
September 24	SEMINAR	Family Systems Theory and Structural Family Therapy	Dr. Victoria Edwards, C.Psych.
October 1	SEMINAR	Assessment Foundations: Methods and Cultural Considerations	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
October 8	SEMINAR	Advanced Case Conceptualization	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
October 15	BREAK		
October 22	SEMINAR	Self-Harm and Suicidal Risk Assessment/Crisis Intervention	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
October 29	SEMINAR	Cognitive-Behavioral Approaches: CBT Theory and Foundations	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
November 5	SEMINAR	Couples Therapy and Emotion-Focused Therapy	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
November 12	SEMINAR	Psychodynamic Principals: Integrative Treatment Approaches	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
November 19	SEMINAR	Trauma-Informed Care: Trauma and Neurobiological Impacts	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
November 26	SEMINAR	Motivational Interviewing and Stages of Change	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
December 3	GPS EVENT	GPS Holiday Luncheon at the Royal Ottawa Golf Club	
December 10	SEMINAR	Cultural Considerations, Client Feedback and Progress Monitoring	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
December 17	BREAK		

WINTER SEMESTER (JANUARY - APRIL 2027)

Date	Type	Topic/Activity	Presenter/Facilitator
January 7	BREAK		
January 14	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
January 21	SEMINAR	Sexual Health: Addressing Sensitive Topics with Clients	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
January 28	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
February 4	SEMINAR	Working with Seniors and Senior-Related Issues	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
February 11	BREAK		
February 18	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
February 25	SEMINAR	Navigating the Relationship: Dual-Roles, Disclosures and Boundaries Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
March 4	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
March 11	SEMINAR	Private Practice Business Structures	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
March 18	BREAK		
March 25	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
April 1	SEMINAR	Transitions: Managing Leaves and Termination	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
April 8	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
April 15	SEMINAR	Enhancing the Therapeutic Alliance	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
April 22	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
April 29	SEMINAR	Supervision and Teaching Skills	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.

SPRING/SUMMER SEMESTER (MAY - AUGUST 2027)

Date	Type	Topic/Activity	Presenter/Facilitator
May 6	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.

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May 13	SEMINAR	Program Evaluation	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
May 20	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
May 27	BREAK		
June 3	SEMINAR	Ethical Integration of Technology in Psychology	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
June 10	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
June 17	SEMINAR	Professional Development and Career Planning	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
June 24	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.
July 8	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Victoria Edwards, C.Psych.
July 15	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.
July 22	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.
July 29	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.
August 5	BREAK		
August 12	CASE CONFERENCE	Collaborative Case Consultation	Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.
August 19	LAST MEETING	Program Completion, Outboarding, Evaluation	Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.

REQUIRED APPIC DIDACTIC TOPICS COVERED*

- ✓ **Ethics and Professional Standards** (e.g., September 10, June 3)
- ✓ **Individual and Cultural Diversity** (e.g., September 17, December 8, February 4)
- ✓ **Professional Values, Attitudes, and Behaviors** (e.g., February 18, April 1, 15)
- ✓ **Communication and Interpersonal Skills** (e.g., February 18, April 1, 15)
- ✓ **Assessment** (e.g., October 1 and 8, 22)

✓ **Intervention** (e.g., September 24, October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, January 21, June 17)

✓ **Supervision** (e.g., June 3)

✓ **Research and Evidence-Based Practice** (e.g., May 13)

*Note: these topics are integrated throughout supervision, team meetings, the seminars and case conferences

PRESENTER QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Deanna Drahovzal, C.Psych.

- Training Director
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- 20+ years clinical experience
- Part-time Clinical Professor, University of Ottawa
- Specializations: Lifespan Assessment and Therapy, Family Therapy, Clinical Supervision, Business Practice

Dr. Emma Dargie, C.Psych.

- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- Specializations: Sexual Health, Couples Therapy, LGBTQ+ Affirming Care

Dr. Delyana Miller, C.Psych.

- Primary Supervisor
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- Specializations: Neuropsychological Assessment and Rehabilitation

Dr. Emma Murray, C.Psych.

- Primary Supervisor
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- Specializations: Adult Clinical Services, Research and Evidence-Based Practice

Dr. Vanessa Scarapicchia, C.Psych.

- Primary Supervisor
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- Specializations: Comprehensive Psychological Assessment, Integrative Therapy

Dr. Victoria Edwards, C.Psych.

- Primary Supervisor
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
- Licensed by College of Psychologists of Ontario
- Specializations: Family Therapy, Systemic Interventions

PROGRAM NOTES

- **Total Sessions:** 40 weekly meetings (22 seminars + 16 case conferences + 2 meetings)
- **Fall Semester:** Seminars covering all required APPIC competency areas
- **Winter/Spring/Summer:** Heavy emphasis on case conferences with more advanced seminars
- All seminars include didactic presentation, case discussion, and interactive exercises
- Program follows Ontario statutory holidays

- This schedule does not include the City-Wide Seminars (3 hours monthly) typically scheduled on Friday mornings or early afternoons with interns from other sites in Ottawa.

CITY-WIDE SEMINARS

The City-Wide Seminars typically are scheduled on Friday mornings or early afternoons with interns from other sites in Ottawa (average of 3 hours per month). To give an example, the topics scheduled to be covered in the 2025/2026 academic year included:

- Cultural and individual differences: Disabilities
- Cultural and individual differences: Gender identity, sexual identity and how they intersect
- Child Abuse & Neglect
- Partner violence
- The practice of professional psychology in the public and private spaces: a discussion with representatives from different sectors
- Indigenous Interculturalism Learnings: Experiential Blanket Exercise facilitated by the Indigenous engagement team at Ottawa Public Health and an Elder
- Registration
- An Ethics Case Study and a chat with the CPBAO registrar
- Supervision
- Psychology Registration Process & Questions for the College

This didactic calendar is subject to modification based on training needs, external opportunities, and program evaluation feedback. All changes will be communicated to interns with appropriate notice.