

Specialized Clinical DS Network



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

CLINICAL PROFESSIONALS IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES FOR ALTERNATE LEVEL OF CARE CLINICS (5-6 EVENTS):

- Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse
- Registered Behaviour Analyst (RBA)
- Social Worker (RSW)
- Speech & Language Pathologist (SLP)
- Occupational Therapist (OT)

JOB TITLE:	Clinical Professional	JOB CATEGORY:	Education - virtual
Location:	Virtual	Travel required:	As needed
Remuneration	Fee for Service Based on professional services provided, negotiated per discipline	Position type:	Contract
Term	Clinics will be held between September 2026 and May 2027	Date posted:	July 6, 2026
Reports to	Clinical Administrator, SCDSN DD ALC Project	Posting expires:	July 17, 2026

POSITION DETAILS

We are seeking a variety of clinical professionals interested in participating in a multidisciplinary case consultation clinic focused on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and dual diagnosis that have transitioned from Alternate Level of Care (ALC) back to the community.

The virtual, bi-monthly DD ALC Collaborative Clinic will be coordinated by the SCDSN Clinical Administrator with administrative support embedded.

Dr. Jennifer Martins, MD, MSc, FRCPC, is the Psychiatrist for the DD ALC Collaborative Clinic.

Dr. Jennifer Martins is a psychiatrist at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and also holds the positions of Division Head for the Adult Mental Health and Addictions program at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, Physician Lead for Clinical Informatics, and Assistant Professor at Queen's University Department of Psychiatry. Some of her interests include developmental disabilities, sleep medicine, shared care/collaborative care, and medical education. Dr. Martins completed her Master of Science degree in Neuroscience before obtaining her MD degree. She completed her residency training in psychiatry at Queen's University.

The consultation clinic will offer strategic guidance and targeted training to enhance community-based support for the referred person. This is part of a three-stream project being completed by SCDSN to build sustainable capacity within the Developmental Service Sector (DS).

Through taking a multidisciplinary clinical approach, we aim to strengthen collaboration, build shared knowledge, and improve the quality of supports for IDD individuals who have transitioned successfully from hospital into the community.

Role and Responsibilities

Each clinic session will be staffed by a core group of professionals, including Dr. Martins, with expertise in developmental disabilities and complex care. These individuals will be hired on a consultation basis and utilized as required:

- Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse
- Registered Behaviour Analyst (RBA)
- Social Worker (RSW)
- Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP)
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Time Commitment:

- 5-6 virtual bi-monthly clinics starting in September 2026 and running until May 2027.
- Each clinic to review a maximum of 4 people per meeting, with expected clinic length being 2-3 hours total (adjusted as needed).

Clinic professionals are required to review referral documentation prior to the bi-monthly clinic and come prepared to provide discipline specific consultation on medical, behavioural, social and communication needs (as appropriate).

PROJECT DETAILS

The Journey to Belonging guiding principle of Improving Quality and Accountability, the Developmental Services Workforce Strategy Framework focuses on growing a stable workforce, enhance skills and training, and advance professionalism in the sector. The DS Workforce Initiative identified a need to develop a more skilled, diverse and professional workforce. The Specialized Clinical DS Network (SCDSN) submitted a Proposal to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services as part of the Workforce Strategy work with the sector.

The SCDSN Proposal aims to strengthen the Developmental Services (DS) sector by implementing a skills-based acquisition model focused on diverse clinical delivery options. This initiative is designed to build capacity within the DS sector to better support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who were designated as Alternate Level of Care (ALC) in hospital settings and transitioned into the community.

The project includes a multi-pronged strategy aimed at building sustainable capacity within the Developmental Services (DS) sector.

- Stream One
A series of 4 pre-recorded virtual education modules were created and uploaded to the RealXchange designed to build clinical competencies and confidence in DS staff to support individuals with DD/ALC designation and complex needs in community settings.
- Stream Two
Virtual Community of Practice (CoP) meeting are scheduled between September 2026 and May 2027 to foster peer learning, mentorship, and cross-agency collaboration.
- Stream Three - Alternate Level of Care Collaborative Clinic
Professionals selected for this Expression of Interest will work in a consultation clinic to provide strategic guidance and targeted in-person training or regional workshops to complement the virtual learnings.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Please send a letter of interest and your CV by email by July 17th 2026 to:

Email: admin@scdsn.org

Subject line: EOI Clinical Professional (*please indicate your designation*)

Qualifications and Education Requirements

- Qualifications in the identified discipline
- Current certification
- 3-5 years' experience in the developmental services sector
- Experience working as part of a multi-disciplinary team and promoting cross-sectoral collaboration and partnerships

Preferred Skills

- Possess excellent interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrate the ability to adhere to deadlines and prioritize multiple projects effectively
- Experience/involvement with Clinics/consultation models, please explain your role

For more information contact Courtney Hutson, Clinical Administrator (courtney.hutson@scdsn.org)