

November 18, 2021

The **Integrated Education and Therapy Program (IET)** at Bloorview School is a full day, interdisciplinary early intervention program for children who have a primary diagnosis of a physical disability and other associated complex needs.

The academic programming, based on the Ontario curriculum, focuses on the acquisition of early literacy and numeracy skills. Physical, occupational and speech therapies are integrated into the child's day as part of the educational programming. Therapy is provided by professional therapists working in a team setting with special education teachers and educational assistants.

This learning environment maximizes a child's potential to develop academic, physical, social and communication skills. A key component of the IET program is to provide each child with strategies and opportunities to develop self-advocacy skills, independence, self-regulation and personal responsibility in a small group learning environment. Educators and therapists develop and weave together educational goals with therapeutic goals.

Students may be in the IET program for a maximum of three years: Kindergarten - Year 1, Year 2, and Grade One. Transportation is provided for students who attend Bloorview School, bus times range from 60 to 90 minutes each way, to and from school.

Families and referring sources are invited to join one of our Bloorview School Admissions Webinars:

1) Dec 14, 2021 10:00 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nuYDg3JORZamzz9q8oVpXQ

2) Dec 14, 2021 04:00 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2F6hc9aUTAySE4XKWATPhQ

Program Eligibility:

All students admitted to Bloorview School are registered clients of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (followed by a physician at HBKRH) or, for York Region students, a client of Children's Treatment Network (CTN) and have a primary diagnosis of a physical disability and other associated complex needs. Priority is given to applicants who have the potential to access the Ontario curriculum and who require a multidisciplinary approach for education and therapy.

The potential student:

- ✓ Demonstrates complex needs in two or more of the following areas:
 - Physiotherapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech and Language Therapy

- ✓ Is of legal school age (at least four years of age by December 31, 2022), has the ability to tolerate a full day in a classroom setting and can attend to a range of activities for a short period of time.

- ✓ Is currently and actively participating in and has demonstrated growth in two or more of the following therapies: speech and language therapy, occupational or physical therapy and has shown the ability to integrate skills taught into daily activities. Actively participating means a therapist has set goals for directed therapy and the child is currently participating in therapy sessions.

- ✓ Demonstrates the ability to indicate, through a communication strategy (e.g. body movement; verbal words; eye gaze; speech generating devices; picture communication) the following:
 - yes and no responses
 - communication of choices

Applications include three steps:

Step 1) *IET Applicant Information From Referring Source* form and *Consent to Exchange of Information* form. These will be accepted until Friday January 21, 2022 for September 2022 entry.

Step 2) Complete a **two to three** minute video highlighting the child's skills must be uploaded by January 28th for the application to be considered.

Step 3) Videos, consent to exchange information and the application should be emailed to: registration@bloorview.school.ca

Further information regarding how to upload the video will be sent once we have received the application and consent to exchange information.

Application does not guarantee acceptance into Bloorview School. The selection committee reviews all applications. Parents are informed of placement decisions in April.

We invite you to make a referral if you know of a child who fits our program eligibility. Please note that we typically receive many more referrals than we have spaces. If you have any questions, require further information or would like to discuss the appropriateness of a possible referral, please contact Wendy Kay at wendykay@bloorview.school.ca

We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Sarah Nauman
Principal

Robin White
Vice- Principal