

**YC 125**  
**Field Placement I**  
**5 Credits**

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### Field Placement I

#### Calendar Description

This course is an introductory field placement where students have the opportunity to experience a variety of residential and community programs available to children, youth, and their families. P/F.

#### Rationale

This is a required course for Child and Youth Care students. The practicum provides students with on-the-job experience and links classroom theory with professional practice. Students learn the personal and professional demands placed on child and youth care workers in the workplace.

#### Prerequisites

None

#### Co-Requisites

Students must have completed or be in the process of successfully completing 4 courses including YC 100 with an overall GPA of 2.0 or greater.

#### Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. demonstrate professional behaviour.
2. adhere the child and youth care code of ethics.
3. demonstrate their awareness of self in their role as child and youth care practitioner.
4. develop relationships with clients, professionals and agencies.
5. demonstrate respect for the diversity and the individuality of each child/youth and their support system.
6. maintain the confidentiality of child/youth, family, professionals, staff and the Centre.
7. engage fully in all aspects of the practicum.
8. tend to self-care by availing professional counselling.
9. describe the theories covered in courses as it links to practice in the field.

## **Resource Materials**

### ***Required Text:***

Cragg, C. (2020). *Child and youth care in the field: A practicum guidebook*. Canadian Scholars.

### ***Reference Materials:***

None

## **Conduct of Course**

Students are required to participate in practicum seminar during the term. Attending 5 hours of personal counselling support is required. Counselling hours must be verified by the student's counsellor.

Students are placed in Child and Youth Care setting for four weeks in areas where they express a particular interest. During the four weeks, student will observe, carryout assigned duties, and engage fully in the setting.

Students complete assignments in the practicum booklet during the practicum. Practicum booklets are available for the assigned instructor to mark during the mid-term visit.

## **Evaluation Procedures**

Students are evaluated through direct observation by Practicum Supervisors and Assigned College Instructor based on the criteria outlined in the Practicum Evaluation and Practicum Booklet.

### ***Mid-Term Evaluation***

This evaluation is designed to give students and placement supervisors an opportunity to discuss performance and suggestions for improvement. *If a student is having serious difficulties by this time, he/she may be requested to withdraw from or may fail the practicum.*

### ***Final Mark***

A Pass/Fail grade is awarded upon completion of this practicum.

## **Attendance**

Regular attendance is essential for success in any course. Absence for any reason does not relieve a student of the responsibility of completing course work and assignments to the

satisfaction of the instructor. Students may be required to make up missed practicum hours. Poor attendance may result in the suspension of a student from the course.

In cases of repeated absences due to illness, the student may be requested to submit a medical certificate. *Instructors have the authority to require attendance.*

**Students are required to inform their Assigned College Instructor and their Practicum Supervisor about any missed time prior to the start of their work day.**

## **Course Units/Topics**

### 1. Observation

- develop a knowledge base of the profession

### 2. Stamina

### 3. Professional Behaviour

- identify attitudes that are successful and unsuccessful in the work area
- adhere to the code of ethics understood in the child and youth care field
- demonstrate self awareness and build relationships within the agency
- demonstrate work place skills
  - be on time
  - adhere to work place standards and policies
- confidentiality

### 4. Program Duties and Expectations

- carry out duties assigned by Practicum Supervisor

### 5. Respect for Individual

- child /youth
- staff
- professionals
- other individuals within the workplace

### 6. Communication Oral and Written

- with clients
- with staff in the centre
- with Practicum Supervisor
- with Assigned College Instructor

## **Course Requirements**

Students please note:

You are to be actively involved in the Child and Youth Care setting in which you are placed.

Your course requirements are to be completed after centre hours. Please complete your requirements outside of your working day.

*All course requirements must be completed to receive a pass.*

The course requirements include the following:

- Record of daily attendance
- Practicum Booklet assignments are Submitted Directly to the Assigned College Instructor

Practicum Booklet assignments must be submitted to the Assigned College Instructor according to the dates identified.

PLEASE NOTE:

Professionalism and confidentiality are expected at all times.

## Appendix A

### Evaluation Form (to be completed by Assigned College Instructor)

Please place this page in the student's file when the practicum is complete.

1. Practicum Booklet Completed

Pass \_\_\_\_\_

Fail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attitude/Professionalism

Pass \_\_\_\_\_

Fail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Practicum Supervisor's Evaluation

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_

Very Good \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptable \_\_\_\_\_

Unsatisfactory \_\_\_\_\_

4. Assigned Instructor's Evaluation

Pass \_\_\_\_\_

Fail \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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(Assigned College Instructor's Signature)



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