

YC 325
Field Placement III
5 Credits

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Calendar Description

This is the third practicum for Child and Youth Care students. Emphasis is placed on students working directly with vulnerable children, youth, and/or families. Students have the opportunity to observe, plan, and implement and evaluate programming for children, youth and families. P/F.

Rationale

This is a required course for Child and Youth Care students. In order for students to further their knowledge and skill development, they will integrate classroom theory and professional practice through the planning and implementing of appropriate interventions and programs plans. Students have the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in Child and Youth Care settings.

Prerequisites

YC 225

Co-Requisites

Students must have completed or be in the process of successfully completing YC 203 and YC 236 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 to child and youth care code of ethics.
3. develop relationships with clients, agencies and professionals.
4. apply their understanding of theories relating to Child and Youth Care to their work with clients.
5. describe a variety of observational and recording strategies used to record the behaviour of clients for the purpose of information sharing and/or intervention planning.
6. demonstrate respect for the diversity and the individuality of each child/youth and their support system.

7. take responsibility for clarifying feedback on their performance, determining what change is needed, and initiating activities that foster that change.
8. use the agency's format for planning and reporting activities and interventions for individual youth, groups, and families.
9. implement and evaluate programs, activities and/or interventions appropriate for the clients at the agency.
10. tend to self-care by availing professional counselling.

Resource Materials

Required Text(s):

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

Reference Text(s):

None

Conduct of Course

Students work in a Child and Youth Care agency for four weeks. Attending 8 hours of personal counseling is a requirement of the course. Counseling hours must be verified by the student's counsellor.

Students are placed in programs where they express a particular interest and in locations in which they have living accommodations.

Students complete assignments in their Practicum Booklet as part of their course requirements. The Practicum Booklet must be available at the mid-term visit for the Assigned College Instructor to mark.

Evaluation Procedures

Students are evaluated through direct observation and communication with his/her Practicum Supervisors and Assigned College Instructor based on the criteria outlined in the Practicum Evaluation and Practicum Booklet.

Midterm 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 at this time he/she may be requested to withdraw 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 Advisor and their Practicum Supervisor of any missed time prior to the start of their work day.

Course Units/Topics

1. Observation of the role of the child and youth care worker
 - a) develop a knowledge of the responsibilities
 - b) develop awareness of the goals of the agency
2. Stamina
3. Professional Behaviour
 - a) identify attitudes that are successful and unsuccessful in the child and youth care field.
 - b) adhere to Child and Youth Care code of ethics.
 - c) identify and understand relationships within the agency.
 - d) demonstrate work place skills
 - be on time
 - adhere to work place standards and policies
 - e) confidentiality
4. Program Duties and Expectations
 - a) carry out duties assigned by Practicum Supervisor
5. Respect for Individual
 - a) children/youth
 - b) staff
 - c) professionals
 - d) other individuals within the workplace

6. Communication Written and Oral
 - a) with children/youth
 - b) with staff in the centre
 - c) with Practicum Supervisor
 - d) with Assigned College Instructor
7. Strategies
 - a) used with children/youth who are vulnerable
 - b) used with families
8. Programming
 - a) planning
 - b) implementation
 - c) evaluation

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
- Assignments in Practicum Booklet submitted directly to your 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 the Assigned College Instructor)

Overall Performance

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 _____
Needs Improvement _____

4. Assigned College Instructor's Evaluation
Pass _____
Fail _____

Comments:
