

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY REHABILITATION
"MAKING A DIFFERENCE"
COURSE OUTLINE**

RP1209 PRACTICUM

Winter, 2002 January 14 – April 5

CREDITS: 1 Credit (45 Hours)

LOCATION: Each student will be assigned to an agency that provides service to people with developmental disabilities.

TIME: Hours will vary as determined between the agency and the student. Generally the practicum will consist of four hours per week.

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PREREQUISITES: None

Note: Students who have previous experience working with people with disabilities and wish to apply for Prior Learning and Assessment (PLAR) for this course should speak to their program advisors prior to November 15, 2001.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course consists of 45 hours of fieldwork in an agency providing services to people with handicapping conditions. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the agency's services, gain experience interacting with people who have disabilities and participate as a member of a human service team.

Students will be assigned to an agency by the program co-ordinator. Each student will be assigned a faculty and agency supervisor. Hours will be set between the student and agency supervisor to ensure that course requirements are met by April 5, 2002.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will:

1. gain awareness of how community agencies strive to address the needs of people who have handicapping conditions.
2. gain awareness of the role of rehabilitation practitioners in a given agency.
3. recognize practices that promote dignity and enhance the image of people served.
4. gain experience interacting with people who have disabling conditions.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS AND STUDENT EVALUATION

This is a credit/no credit course.

Faculty determine the granting of credit based on an evaluation completed by the agency supervisor.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Attendance is COMPULSORY. Students are expected to make personal appointments outside of field placement times. Time missed exceeding 10% of total field placement (i.e. 4 hours) must be made up as negotiated with the agency. Students are expected to notify both their agency and faculty supervisors in advance if they are unable to attend a scheduled session.