

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM
RP1209 PRACTICUM

FALL 2006: September 26 – November 23, 2006

CREDITS: 1 Credit (45 Hours)

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

TIME: Tuesday and Thursday afternoon have been scheduled, however these times are flexible and the hours may 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 before September 8th.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course consists of 45 hours of fieldwork in an agency supporting 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 a faculty committee. 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 December 10, 2004.

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.