

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
REHABILITATION SERVICES PROGRAM FEB 14 1997

PRACTICUM RP2406

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Location: Each student will be assigned to an Agency serving people with disabling conditions.

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Prerequisites: RP2306

Corequisites: RP2404

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This practicum consists of field work in an agency providing services to people who have a disabling condition.

Concepts and skills learned in the classroom are applied through a six-week placement with community service agencies. During this practicum, it is expected that students will be able to complete Agency assigned tasks with only minimal supervision. Application of theory and skills presented in Semester V will be incorporated into this practicum cumulatively with the theory and skills covered earlier in the program.

CLASS FORMAT

Students are expected to work the regular hours of a full-time employee of the Agency for a four day work-week (approximately 28 hours per week). Students will be excused from the Agency each Monday to attend classes. Students are not expected to take responsibility for decisions regarding service delivery and/or design. However they are expected to be responsible for the implementation of Agency directives. Regular visits by an instructor will be scheduled with the student and Agency supervisor throughout the practicum.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will:

1. Become familiar with the nature and scope of the Agency's programs and services.
2. Develop a positive rapport with people served by the Agency on an individual and/or group basis.
3. Demonstrate responsible professional attitudes and behaviour.
4. Become familiar with the individual service planning process utilized by the Agency.
5. Assist in implementing strategies to achieve individual goals of people served by the agency.
6. Apply knowledge of leadership and team building skills as appropriate within practicum setting.
7. Apply theory to practice:
 - A. interpersonal/helping skills
 - B. behavioral skills
 - C. values
 - D. health issues
8. Develop and implement a plan to meet relevant personal learning objectives that have been identified by the student for him/herself.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Student Self-Reports

You are required to complete a minimum of 30 self-reports as follows:

Objectives 1 - 6: Each of these objectives must be addressed by at least **2 self-reports.**

Objectives 7 a-d: Each of these objectives must be addressed by at least **4 self-reports.**

Each data sheet requires:

- a) description of the situation (context),
- b) your behaviour (what you did),
- c) what you learned,
- d) how you will use your new knowledge

These data sheets must be handed in weekly to your faculty practicum supervisor.

2. Personal Objectives

Formulate and write two personal objectives relating to your practicum experience (see attached form)

- Please include:
- a. your personal objective
 - b. how you will accomplish it
 - c. how you will know if you accomplished it

Note: If you have not completed the following two assignments in RP 1206 or RP 2306, you must complete them in this practicum in order to receive credit for RP 2406.

3. Ecological Inventory

An Ecological Inventory Discrepancy Analysis must be completed in either RP 1206, RP 2306 or RP 2406. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided.

4. A.B.A. Programming Assignment

An Applied Behaviour Analysis program designed to INCREASE a behaviour or to TEACH a new skill must be completed in either RP 1206, RP 2306 or RP 2406. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided.

FIELD PLACEMENT EVALUATION:

Agency personnel will complete a Practicum Evaluation form for each student.

Faculty evaluate students on observation of strengths and needs in the field. The extent to which the student uses supervision to maximize learning will be taken into account in the faculty evaluation. Students are expected to be prepared to address specific issues during faculty supervision visits.