

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
REHABILITATION SERVICES DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Title of Course	Internship
Course Number	RP506
Placement	Semester VI
Time Allotment	280 Hours (8 weeks)
Pre-requisites	All first and second year courses and practica

Format

Internship is an eight week block consisting exclusively of fieldwork with an agency providing services to people with developmental disabilities. Students are expected to perform their assigned duties as competently and as well prepared as newly hired employees. No college classes or assignments will be a part of the internship. Meetings will be scheduled regularly throughout the internship with a college instructor, the agency supervisor and student.

Method of Evaluation

By internship, students have had the opportunity to apply theoretical concepts in a practical setting with instructor guidance and assistance. During internship, students are expected to independently assume the responsibilities of a newly hired employee of the agency. Evaluation of students' abilities will be based on a contract between the agency and the student. It will outline specific objectives and criteria the student must accomplish during the eight weeks and must be approved by a Rehabilitation Services Program instructor.

Course Description

Students will have already completed their practicum placements in each of the required areas of educational, residential and vocational. Internship provides them with the opportunity to return to an area of their choice for a more in-depth experience.

Concepts and skills learned throughout the program will be fully integrated by the student in order to meet the requirements established with the agencies. Responsibilities and expectations of the student will vary greatly from agency to agency.

## Objectives

Students will:

1. demonstrate integration of course material by assuming responsibility at a level equivalent to that expected of a full-time paraprofessional employee in the agency to which they are assigned.
2. demonstrate applied skills in the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs/activities for people who have developmental disabilities.
3. demonstrate interpersonal and group skills by working effectively as a team member in the agency to which they are assigned.
4. Utilize change agency skills appropriate for a rehabilitation practitioner, in order to contribute to the attainment of agency goals.