KNES 441/443/445 – PRACTICUM COURSE

Practicum Position Title: Child Life Specialist (Student)

# of Positions Available: One (winter and spring placements only)

Industry/Company Description: Dr. Gordon Townsend Rehabilitation and Education Program
Alberta Children’s Hospital

Location: 2888 Shaganappi Trail N.W. Calgary

Required Hours Per Week: 60-72 hours per term

Academic Session: Winter and Spring placements only

Specified Schedule: Hours to be determined. Monday to Friday 09:00 – 13:00

Project Duties/Responsibilities: Assisting the Child Life Specialist in:

- Planning and implementation of daily Adaptive Physical Education:
  - Lead recreation classes with small groups of children and youth (examples include; circle games, tag games, wide games, and modifying sports such as basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, soccer).
- Assist in leading Leisure Education discussion groups. (In collaboration with an Occupational Therapist working with a small group of youth in developing skills for successfully planning of recreational activities both onsite and offsite.)
- Researching and making recommendations regarding appropriate recreation program involvement at home and community for identified children in the Program.
- Discussing observations from Recreation groups with members of a multidisciplinary team. (These discussions will be primarily informal with Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Pathologists, Teacher and Nursing staff.)
- Identify a specific project (recreation based) that will benefit the Program. (This Project would be optional depending on the hours required for completion of the Practicum)

Required Student Qualifications: -

- The following classes would be considered assets: KNES 371, KNES 251, KNES 253, and KNES 355.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to motivate children and youth to value recreational activities.
- Excellent organizational and leadership skills.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Current CPR Certification
- Ability to produce a Police Record Check and Immunization Record.

On-Site Supervisor: Please contact:
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