KNES 441/443/445 – PRACTICUM COURSE

Practicum Position Title: Health Promotion/Recreation Program Assistant

# of Positions Available: 1 per session

Industry/Company Description: Kids Cancer Care (KCC) is a charitable organization that helps build bridges of hope and pillars of support for families fighting childhood cancer.

*This practicum placement will focus on the Camp & Outreach area and work closely with families affected by childhood cancer. KCC provides camp and outreach programs to the whole family. KCC supports young children and teens affected by cancer, their siblings, bereaved siblings and parents.

Note: Interested students will work with the teen and parent populations.

Location: Kids Cancer Care Office, Suite 302, 609 14th Street NW, Calgary

Required Hours: 60-72 hours per term - 5-6 hours per week during the 13 week fall and winter terms

Academic Session: Fall and winter terms

Specified Schedule: Some weekdays and/or some weekends

Project Duties/Responsibilities:

Under supervision, students will assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of family event(s) and/or a teen workshop throughout the semester.

1. Orientation and Knowledge
   • Meet KCC staff and become familiar with facility
   • Become oriented and gather information on all of KCC events, programs and camps such as:
     o Family Events* - Family programs give parents and children a chance to catch up while doing fun activities around Calgary. These activities include COP Family Ski Day, Theatre Calgary’s Cool Yule presentation of “A Christmas Carol”, Survivor Day, Mother’s Day Brunch and family barbeques.
     o Teen Nights - KCC Teen Nights offer young people social, recreational and leadership development opportunities. It’s a great way for teen campers to stay connected throughout the year. Teen Nights include activities such as Best Buy Games Night, Murder Mysteries, Corn Maze, Laser Tag and more.
     o Teen Leadership Program* - Teen Leadership Program runs September through May each year and offers teens a chance to give back to their community by helping those in need. Teens are responsible for designing and overseeing key projects throughout the year, including helping out at Kids Cancer Care programs and events, soup kitchens and other community events such as the Calgary Marathon.

2. Program Facilitation
   • As the term progresses, the student will be able to assist in leading a family event. This will include program planning; including planning a theme, promoting the event, site set up, facilitation of event, site clean-up, program follow up.
   • Develop a relationship with at least one collaborative partner (eg. community group, business group) to be integrated into a program.
   • As on-site program leader, student will be responsible to be a Kids Cancer Care representative and ensure that the policies and guidelines of Kids Cancer Care are adhered to.

3. Program Support
   • Support and lead volunteers at a family event answering questions regarding the event and passing on information to the program lead and on-site supervisor
   • Provide support in the teen leadership program by researching ideas on leadership and facilitating workshops on public speaking, confidence, organization or scheduling.
   • Aid in building a year round program plan for the following teen leadership program

4. Program Evaluation
   • Develop a family event survey for families involved in the foundation
   • Evaluate results and propose changes accordingly
Required Student Qualifications:
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills
- Current First Aid and CPR Certification
- Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office products
- Valid driver’s license and car available for use

On-Site Supervisor:
Students interested in working with teens, parents and families should contact:
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