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KNES 441/443/445 – PRACTICUM COURSE

Practicum Position Title: Occupational Therapy Assistant

# of Positions Available: 1 or 2

Industry/Company Description: Providence Children - Preschool for students with Disabilities. Providing educational and therapeutic services to preschool aged children with disabilities.

Location: 6 school locations in the city (Windsor Park, Midnapore, McKenzie, Hawkwood, Falconridge, Beddington)

Required Hours: 60-72 hours per term – evenly dispersed throughout term:
- 5-6 hours per week during fall and winter terms (13 weeks)

Academic Session: Fall and Winter terms

Specified Schedule: All required hours must be completed within one day.

Project Duties/Responsibilities:
Under strict supervision, the student will:
- Work alongside therapists and teachers in a school based team
  - Assist with standardized tests performed by occupational therapists which focus on overall skills, balance, play skills, attention span, gross and fine motor skills, sensory processing ability, hand-eye coordination and bilateral coordination.
  - Collect and set up gross motor materials such as balance beams and therapy balls for the classroom
  - Assist children with gross motor activities and exercises in a classroom setting or individually. Activities could include jumping, skipping, beating drums, push/pull activities
  - Assist with development of fine motor skills such as threading beads, drawing a line with a ruler, tying shoelaces, doing up buttons, cutting with scissors
  - Assist with improving bilateral coordination activities such as clapping hands or threading beads
- Investigate creative ways of developing both gross and fine motor skills. Present to on-site supervisor at the end of the term.
- Prepare a variety of preschool activities based on the child’s goals and abilities.
- Participate in all school professional development and family programming

Student Qualifications:
- KNES 367 – Adapted Physical Activity required
- Police check and child intervention check.
- First aid and CPR would be an asset.

On-Site Supervisor: Interested students must contact the individual below to arrange an interview at a Providence location in the City of Calgary
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