KINESIOLOGY PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION

Practicum Position Title: Child Development Assistant

Agency/Company: Connect Society, Early Childhood Services

Location: Belvedere Parkways Elementary School, 4631 85 St NW, Calgary, AB

Terms Available: Fall, Winter, or Spring

Number of Positions: 2

Specified Schedule: Within Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Project Duties/Responsibilities:

Connect Society, Early Childhood Services provides daily on-site preschool and kindergarten programming for children who have hearing loss (potentially with other challenges) and also for children who have a family member with hearing loss. The program encourages a child’s whole development with a strong emphasis on speech/language skills. Occupational and Physical Therapy Services are available to the children as needed. Education and therapy goals are targeted during a wide variety of individual, small group and larger group play/therapy activities.

The practicum student will assist the teachers and therapists with:

- Planning and implementation of developmentally appropriate gross motor and fine motor play activities for individuals and small groups in classroom, gym and outdoor play environments.
- Supporting and encouraging children’s participation in language-focused play based activities (stories, drama, and art learning centres).
- Engaging with children as an active listener and communication partner.
- Planning and implementation of a variety of sensory exploration activities that support learning and attention through multiple modalities.
- Observing and assisting Speech and Language Therapist during small group therapy sessions.
- Helping in the development of visual teaching supports used to augment language comprehension and expression.
- Creating a resource manual of developmentally appropriate gross motor activities/games that can be implemented using existing equipment as well as generating a wish list of gross motor equipment for future purchasing consideration.

Required Student Qualifications:

- Completion of KNES 201 (Activity: Essence and Experience)
- Police Record Check with Vulnerability Sector
- Immunization Records
- CPR Certification

Assets:

- KNES 355 (Human Growth and Development) and psychology, linguistics, anthropology, and sociology

On-Site Supervisor: To be determined. Contact Teresa Foy, B.Ed., tfoy@connectsociety.org
Kinesiology Practicum Application

Placement: Connect Society, Early Childhood Services

Students must have 60 units completed to qualify for a practicum, including 30 units of KNES. Students may participate in up to three practicums, with no more than two at the same location.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Contact the on-site supervisor to arrange an interview.
2. Bring a copy of this application with the completed student portion to your interview to be completed by the On-Site Supervisor.
3. Submit application and required documentation (if applicable) to knespracticum@ucalgary.ca; our office will email your @ucalgary address within 5 business days with next steps for you and your On-Site Supervisor.

STUDENT PORTION – COMPLETE PRIOR TO INTERVIEW

Practicum Term
☐ Fall_________ (year) ☐ Winter_________ (year) ☐ Spring_________ (year)

Student Information
Name: UCID:
Phone Number: Email: @ucalgary.ca

Student Practicum Expectations: Why have you chosen this practicum placement? (1-2 sentences)

Code of Conduct
Students are responsible for compliance with the University of Calgary’s Code of Conduct.
☐ Yes ☐ No I have read and understood the University of Calgary’s Code of Conduct.
☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a pre-existing relationship(s) with person(s) or group(s) associated with this practicum placement? If yes, please briefly explain the nature of the relationship:

I agree that:
• No salary or payment will be received based upon my participation in a Kinesiology practicum placement
• I will meet the expectations of the practicum placement for which I am applying
• I will be punctual throughout my practicum placement and will adequately notify the On-Site Supervisor about any absence(s).
• I will complete 60-72 hours within the dates of the term.

Start Date (first day of lectures) End Date (last day of lectures)

☐ I agree with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

Student’s Signature: Date:

ON-SITE SUPERVISOR PORTION

Name: Organization: Connect Society
Phone: Email:

As the On-Site Supervisor, I agree that:
• No salary or compensation will be given to the practicum student
• I will provide sufficient hours, supervision, and guidance during this practicum placement
• I will complete a mid-point and final evaluation for the practicum student.

☐ I agree with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

On-Site Supervisor’s Signature: Date:
CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Practicum students and the agency must complete the signed confidentiality agreement and submit it (along with the practicum application form) to knespracticum@ucalgary.ca.

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the________day of_________, 20____.

BETWEEN:

________________________________________________________________________

(hereinafter called the “Agency”)

AND:

________________________________________________________________________

(hereinafter called the “Student”)

Whereas:

It is the Student’s legal and ethical responsibility to protect the privacy, confidentiality and security of all records, proprietary information and other confidential information relating to the Agency, including business, employment and medical information relating to patients, members, employees and health care providers. (“Confidential Information”).

And whereas:

The Agency has adopted policies and procedures regarding Confidential Information including its policies and procedures for complying with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Health Information Act ("Policies and Procedures").

In witness hereof, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Agency agrees to disclose and the Student agrees to receive Confidential Information in furtherance of participating in his/her practicum with the Agency, as set out in the Practicum Agreement.

2. The Agency agrees to advise, instruct and guide the Student as to the Policies and Procedures.

3. Upon receipt of the information set out in paragraph 2 herein, the Student agrees to use his/her best efforts to comply with the Policies and Procedures and to protect the Confidential Information, or any part thereof, and prevent it from being disclosed to any person contrary to the Policies and Procedures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement effective as of the day and year first written above.

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