KINESIOLOGY PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION

Practicum Position Title: Occupational Therapy Assistant

Agency/Company: Lead Foundation

Location: 5271 Memorial Drive SE, Calgary, AB

Terms Available: Winter Only

Number of Positions: 1

Project Duties/Responsibilities:

Lead Foundation work with children and their families to help children develop the best possible language, social, play, and motor skills, and to promote their independence and functioning throughout their daily activities. They work with all children, from those who have mild speech, motor, or behavior delays, to those with more complex challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder. The team includes child development specialists, speech language pathologists, psychologists, clinical coordinators, program and behavior specialists, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

Under strict supervision of an Occupational Therapist (OT), the practicum student will:

- Assist in the evaluation of child’s developmental skills including balance, attention span, sensory processing skills, visual motor integration skills, gross and fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and bilateral coordination using a variety of activites;
- Alongside the OT, attend sessions at various preschools and community events throughout the city;
- Assist the OT with the development of fine motor skills such as threading beads, tying shoelaces and cutting with scissors, and aid in developing of plans and activities to target self-care skills such as eating, toileting, dressing;
- Engage children in a variety of play activities to target various goals;
- Support various group sessions (ex: busy bodies, an active play group that targets gross motor skills and sensory regulation);
- Implement and develop strategies to support children in increasing independence and engagement;
- Develop visual supports to provide families to assist with their program goals;
- Oversee arts & crafts activities; provide assistance with cutting, coloring and gluing as required;
- Alongside OT, meet with parents to set goals and program priorities;
- Investigate two new activities to target fine motor, self-care or sensory processing development that the OTs could use in the future to build children’s skills level;
- At the end of the term, present OTs with a 2-page document outlining new activities including rationale, references and visuals.

Required Student Qualifications:

- Completion of KNES 373 (Exercise Physiology)
- Completion of KNES 367 (Adapted Physical Activity)
- Police Record Check with Vulnerability Sector
- Immunization Record

On-Site Supervisor: Santina Cimino Deschenes, sciminodeschenes@leadfoundation.ca
## Kinesiology Practicum Application

**Placement:** Lead Foundation  
*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**

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**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](https://www.ucalgary.ca/).  
- [ ] 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.

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### ON-SITE SUPERVISOR PORTION

**Name:** Santina Cimino Deschenes  
**Organization:** Lead Foundation

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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.

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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.

Agency

Signed: ________________________________  Signed: ________________________________
Print Name: ________________________________  Print Name: ________________________________
Title: ________________________________  Date ________________________________

Student

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