

## **KINESIOLOGY PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION**

**Practicum Position Title: Coach (Assistant)**

**Agency/Company:** [Special Olympics Calgary](#)

**Location:** 14, 2180 Pegasus Way NE (Travel Required)

**Terms Available:** Winter or Spring

**Number of Positions:** 1

**Project Duties/Responsibilities:**

*Special Olympics Calgary* provides sport and recreation programs year around for individuals with an intellectual disability on both competitive and non-competitive basis. Under the direction of the Program Head Coach, the practicum students will assist with the delivery of sport programs to athletes of various ability levels, with the goal of enhancing their understanding of the challenges and rewards associated with coaching individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Practicum students will facilitate a group of up to 5 athletes with intellectual disabilities to provide athletic coaching by:

- Identifying the strengths and areas of improvement for each athlete.
- Communicating with athletes with intellectual disabilities of all ages in order to effectively negotiate and facilitate their participation in a number of athletic programs such as soccer, swimming, floor hockey, basketball, bowling (5 and 10 pin), curling, track and field, golf, power lifting, skiing (alpine and cross country), softball, snowshoeing, rhythmic gymnastics and soccer.
  - Students will typically provide coaching in two of the above sports (3-hours each). The exact sport is dependent on the student's specific interests and availability. The schedule of programs within *Special Olympics Calgary* also needs to be taken into consideration.
- Adjusting the athletic program accordingly after obtaining approval from head coach.
- Working closely with each individual to maximize their participation in their specific sport of choice.
- Record and monitor the progress of each athletes progress.

**Required Student Qualifications:**

- An ability and desire to communicate and encourage athletes with intellectual disabilities
- Knowledge of the rules and regulations of a variety of team sports as listed above
- Well-versed in safe practices for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

**On-Site Supervisor:** Karen Hurley, [karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca](mailto:karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca) (specify sport of interest)

# Kinesiology Practicum Application

## Placement: [Special Olympics Calgary](#)

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

Submit together to  
[knespracticum@ucalgary.ca](mailto:knespracticum@ucalgary.ca):  
 Completed Practicum Application  
 Confidentiality Agreement

### 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](mailto: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

<b>Practicum Term</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall _____ (year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter _____ (year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring _____ (year)
<b>Student Information</b>		
<b>Name:</b>	<b>UCID:</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	@ucalgary.ca
<b>Student Practicum Expectations:</b> Why have you chosen this practicum placement? (1-2 sentences)		
<b>Code of Conduct</b>		
Students are responsible for compliance with the <a href="#">University of Calgary's Code of Conduct</a> .		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	I have read and understood the University of Calgary's Code of Conduct.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	
<b>I agree that:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No salary or payment will be received based upon my participation in a Kinesiology practicum placement</li><li>• I will meet the expectations of the practicum placement for which I am applying</li><li>• I will be punctual throughout my practicum placement and will adequately notify the On-Site Supervisor about any absence(s).</li><li>• I will complete 60-72 hours within the dates of the term.</li></ul>		
<b>Start Date</b> (first day of lectures)	<b>End Date</b> (last day of lectures)	
_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.		
<b>Student's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	

<b>ON-SITE SUPERVISOR PORTION</b>	
<b>Name:</b> Karen Hurley	<b>Organization:</b> Special Olympics Calgary
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca">karen@specialolympicscalgary.ca</a>
<b>As the On-Site Supervisor, I agree that:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No salary or compensation will be given to the practicum student</li><li>• I will provide sufficient hours, supervision, and guidance during this practicum placement</li><li>• I will complete a mid-point and final evaluation for the practicum student.</li></ul>	
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.	
<b>On-Site Supervisor's Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

## **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](mailto:knespracticum@ucalgary.ca).

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

BETWEEN:

\_\_\_\_\_

(hereinafter called the "**Agency**")

AND:

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(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**

**Student**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_