

CORE 594/595  
Development of Services and Programs  
Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies  
Fall/Winter 2016/17  
**SPRING DRAFT**

Practicum Opportunities List –

Please note that this list is based on early responses to the request for practicum placements in the fall. It is not a complete or a secured list, but rather a suggested one. We reserve the right to give agencies the chance to change their mind about their capacity to support a student between now and the start of the 2016/2017 school term.

**Accessible Housing Calgary**

1212 31 Ave N.E.

<http://accessiblehousing.ca/>

Project Detail TBD.

**Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (ARBI)**

3412 – Spruce Dr S.W.

[www.arbi.ca](http://www.arbi.ca)

Possible project details could include:

- Inquiry – Use of mental practice in the recovery of motor function in upper extremities
- Development and implementation of a survey of the volunteer program
- Develop and update brain injury resource binders

**Between Friends Club of Calgary**

205 – 8989 McLeod Trail S.

[www.betweenfriends.ab.ca](http://www.betweenfriends.ab.ca)

Project work in this placement could be directed primarily toward involvement in program planning and development for their ongoing fall and winter offerings, major calendar events, as well as Camp Bonaventure for the summer of 2017.

**Calgary Alternative Supports Servies (CASS)**

2335 30 Ave N.E.

[www.c-a-s-s.org](http://www.c-a-s-s.org)

Calgary Alternative Poss-Abilities program (CAPA) –

This practicum would involve working with this team towards increasing community capacity for their adult ASD clientele.

**Calgary Ability Network**

12001 44 st S.E.

A student in this placement would be working alongside the Community and Government Relations Coordinator and the Assoc ED of the CPAA toward the continued development of a Human Rights Working Group. Activities within this group would include research and inquiry on government and community disability issues, development of summaries and reports, proposal writing and participation in both the human rights committee and the promotion of the working group.

**Calgary Progressive Lifestyles Foundation**

403-276-32 Ave N.E.

The work involved in this placement would focus on assessment and evaluation on various programs with a specific intention of developing policy around manuals and job descriptions.

**Calgary John Howard Society**

917 9 Ave SE

<http://www.cjhs.ca>

Project work still in discussion

**Calgary SCOPE Society**

219 18 Street S.E.

<http://www.calgaryscope.org/index.html>

SCOPE is a non-profit organization that provides a wider variety of community based services for children, adults and families. Services range from community outreach and residential supports to counseling, advocacy and supports for families. Project work TBD

**Canadian Back Institute**

103-240 Midpark Way SE

<http://www.cbi.ca/web/cbi-health-group>

CBI is primarily a physio therapy service that supports short and long term clients. The focus of this placement would be located within their return to workplace services that do not include any direct PT interventions, but rather provide individuals with long term, usually acquired, disabilities discover new elements in their return to a workplace. Project work TBD

**Centre Street Church**

3900 2nd Street NE

Centre Street Church is a nondenominational Christian community. CRDS specifically but not exclusively partners with the Special Need Ministry within this church community to promote inclusion within all the church's services, ministries and the community itself. Project work TBD

**Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta –**

12001 44 st S.E.

[www.cpalberta.com](http://www.cpalberta.com)

The CPAA provides supports for children, adults and families with any type of disability. Their services are broad and responsive to the needs of the community.

Previous practicum placements with CPAA have allowed students to learn about the grant and funding proposal writing process, fund raising and program evaluation. Project work TBD

**Cerebral Palsy Kids and Families** (formerly Calgary Cerebral Palsy Assoc)

120-7015 McLeod Tr S.W.

[www.calgarycp.org](http://www.calgarycp.org)

Possible projects include:

Development of online database of resources

Marketing and fund development

Assisting with monthly newsletters and publications

Development of an in-service training presentation/guide for individuals working with children with Cerebral Palsy

Program assistance with various, already existing promotional and fundraising, operations (Accessible Home Tour, Children's Christmas Party, Cerebral Palsy Resource Fair).

**Canadian Down Syndrome Society**

283,5005 Dalhousie Drive N.W.

[www.cdss.org](http://www.cdss.org)

Students will have the opportunity to perform multiple interests within the framework of a national advocacy organization. Research, including organizational development and facilitating change is a key component in the work of CDSS. Students may be asked to develop curriculums or other resources that are Canadian in scope. Students areas of interest will be considered if these ideas are congruent with the CDSS mission and vision. Students will be part of a small team of professionals working towards providing information, advocacy and education about Down syndrome. Project work TBD

**Community Rehabilitation & Disability Studies (CRDS) CORE 205/207 Practicum Program**

## U of C Campus

CRDS requires students to coordinate and supervise the CORE 205/207 practicum courses. This would involve working closely with the CRDS practicum coordinator and CORE 205 course instructor in securing practicum sites, initiating students placements, providing on-going supervision of the students, conducting student evaluation, facilitating the course tutorials, grading practicum journals and attending CORE 205/207 classes.

In addition, student(s) will be part of a pilot project with the U of C Peer Mentoring Network ([www.ucalgary.ca/peermentoring](http://www.ucalgary.ca/peermentoring)). As part of the project, students will have the opportunity to take GNST 507/509, as an options course to be applied to credit count.

### **Easter Seals Alberta**

103, 811 Manning Road NE

There are two possible placements with ESA, one is directed primarily to helping market ESA to a wider range of families in need and/or agencies that provide service to families of children with special needs. The second placement is focused more on program development for the upcoming 2015 Camp Horizon. This second placement would require the student to spend some time at the Bragg Creek site of Camp Horizon.

### **Foothills Academy**

745 – 37 St N.W.

Foothills Academy is a nonprofit private school for students with learning disabilities, ADHD and mental health conditions. They are interested in having a student develop a needs assessment and then provide programming material towards providing their students and families with information regarding transition from child to adult services. In particular they are interested in research in the area of post-secondary options and employment for their students after graduation. Project work TBD

### **GRIT Calgary**

#4 6020 - 1A street S.W

The G.R.I.T. program is a highly individualized, home, community and school based Educational Program designed to meet the unique needs and aspirations of the child and family. It focuses primarily on early intervention services for children with motoric and/or sensory challenges. Project work TBD

### **Inclusion Alberta (formerly AAACL)**

Suite 212, 4014 - Macleod Trail S.E.

[www.aacl.org](http://www.aacl.org)

To foster family leadership and advocacy in the pursuit of fully inclusive community lives for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Inclusion Albertais a family based, non-profit organization representing the interests of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families from across Alberta. Together they share a family dream that began almost 50 years ago — a dream of meaningful family and community life for sons and daughters. This dream lives on today and people with

developmental disabilities and their families remain at the heart of this agency and their commitment to community inclusion.

Students interested in this setting must be self-motivated, self-directed and hold a deep commitment to the same philosophies of community inclusion.

**Family Supports for Children with Disabilities (FSCD)**

<http://www.calgaryandareacfsa.gov.ab.ca/home/515.cfm>

Students placed in the FSCD program would be working in a variety of placements, including intake, case work and the multidisciplinary developmental team project (MDT). Project work TBD

**Lifemark Health**

2424 University Drive N.W.

<http://www.physiotherapistcalgaryalberta.ca/>

Project details TBD.

**New Age Services Inc.**

3912 – 29 st N.W.

Possible project work for this placement ranges from case management (intake, assessment and planning for new clients), creating new models of supports, funding and proposal writing, and program development.

**PDD – Persons with Developmental Disabilities**

1520 4 st SW

Typical placement involves case management. Project details TBD

**Positive Developments – (through Supported Lifestyles)**

1914 9 ave S.E.

<http://positivedevelopments.ca/>

Project details still being finalized

**Prospect Now Human Services**

915 33 Street NE

<http://www.prospectnow.ca/?p=2535>

Placements for this practicum would be within The Worx, Axis Disability Services and Studio C

**Renfrew Educational Services**

3820 – 24 Ave N.W.

This placement would involve the student contributing to the development of a set of training modules and presentations towards Parent Education for Children with Special Need. Additional project work TBD

### **Southern Alberta Brain Injury Society (SABIS)**

102-2116 - 27 Ave N.E.

SABIS is currently refining and expanding their support group programming, and as such, a practicum student would be involved in a wider variety of areas including evaluation of current programs, contribution to the development of new programs and planning for funding to support future growth.

### **Supported Lifestyles – Community Outreach**

1914 9th Avenue SE

The SLS Community outreach offers a variety of focused groups for individuals from a PDD funded agency. Usually these are 12 week sessions that occur twice a year. Outreach currently organizes three groups: *Women's Issues Group, Men's Group, and Anger Management*. Further details will follow

### **The Children's Link Society**

211 – 8880 Horton Rd S.W

The following projects are available with CLS this fall:

- Development of a volunteer program
- Fund Development and marketing
- Needs Assessment
- Development of a program framework
- Evaluation of already existing programs

### **Transitional Vocational Program** at Mount Royal University

Since 1980 the Transitional Vocational Program at Mount Royal University has been providing a variety of post-secondary programs to adults with developmental disabilities.

The [Employment Preparation Certificate](#) program has, with continuous development, evaluation and change, supported students to find and maintain competitive employment. Through excellence, innovation and leadership the full-time Employment Preparation Certificate program has become highly regarded and socially valued. Entrance into this program can be very competitive.

The Transitional Vocational Program also offers [part-time studies](#). Courses include Literacy, Math, Computer Basics and the Volunteer Tutor Adult Literacy Service. All courses are taught by certified instructors and focus on individual student learning goals.

One aspect of this placement would include Fund Development and Marketing

### **URSA – Universal Rehabilitation Services of Alberta**

228 – 31 Ave N.E.

<http://www.ursa-rehab.com/>

Practicum project will focus on case management, program evaluation and assessment.

**Vecova**

3304 – 33 Ave N.W.

[www.vrri.org](http://www.vrri.org)

The Vecova is a leading-edge, registered not-for-profit charitable research and service agency that has been meeting the needs of persons with disabilities and the community-at-large since 1969. Affiliated with the University of Calgary, the Vecova is recognized as a leader in the field of disability services and research. The internship practicum involves contributions to current, ongoing and new research projects from within Vecova's research department. Current or new research projects will be proposed in the fall.