

Health
Sciences

4900E



HEALTH PRACTICUM

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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The prerequisite for this course includes enrolment in a Honors Specialization Module and permission of the School of Health Studies to enrol in this course. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

September 2011 to April 2012

COURSE OBJECTIVE

In this course, you will create and participate in a practicum in the areas of aging and independence, bioethics, health promotion in rural and urban areas, or other areas as appropriate. The practicum is developed together with the student, an on-site coordinator who provides direct supervision, and the practicum coordinator. As described below, your grade in this course is based on three components: creation of a learning contract, supervisor evaluation of your performance in the practicum, and a practicum paper.

Practicum Hours

Practicum hours are coordinated with the practicum site. On average, 6-8 hours per week are expected although this may vary substantially from week to week.

Course Antirequisites

Health Sciences 4910A/B, the former Health Sciences 409E or 419a/b are antirequisites of this course.

Course Materials

There is no textbook for the course. In preparing your practicum paper, you are responsible for developing an appropriate set of background readings.

COURSE ADMINISTRATION

COORDINATOR

Dr. Dan Belliveau

Health Sciences Building, room 218

Ext. 88235

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 OR by appointment

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The Learning Contract

The student is responsible for submitting a *learning contract* that indicates the learning goals and objectives for the practicum. The learning contract is developed in consultation with the practicum supervisor. In this course, the learning contract consists of the four components listed below:

1. *Learning objectives*, or goals, for your practicum experience.
2. *Learning resources* (e.g., activities, readings) that will be used to achieve the objectives.
3. An *action plan* that outlines what strategies you will use to accomplish the learning objectives.
4. *Evaluation* of the learning achieved. In the case of this course, the evaluation component is determined by the School of Health Studies (See Evaluation section above).

The Practicum Paper

The practicum paper should be approximately 4,500 words in length ($\pm 10\%$), double spaced, and printed using a font size no smaller than 12 points. Students are encouraged to use subheadings to identify the main sections of the paper. The paper should adhere to APA (5th Edition) style.

The practicum paper should include the following main sections:

- a. Introduction
 - o Describe the Learning Objectives you identified in your Learning Contract.
- b. Background Literature
 - o Review the scholarly literature relevant to your Learning Objectives.
- c. Practicum Experience
 - o Discuss what you have learned from your practicum experience. In particular, assess

order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>.

Documentation is required for non-medical absences where the course work missed is more than 10% of the overall grade. Students may contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office for what documentation is needed. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student's Faculty of registration. For BHSc students, you may go to the School of Health Studies Office in HSB room 222.

SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Additionally,

1. All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).
2. Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

SUPPORT SERVICES

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

1. Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>
2. Student Health -- <http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html>
3. Registrar's Office -- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
4. Ombuds Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>