

**KINESIOLOGY 420
WORK TERM EXPERIENCE – COURSE OUTLINE
WINTER, 2013**

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Course Objectives:

- To broaden the student's scope of practice in the field of kinesiology by developing employability skills.
- Within a controlled setting, facilitate the application of classroom learning in a work-place environment.
- To enhance self-discovery through experiential learning in the field of kinesiology.

Course Content:

KNES 420 is an optional course that is designed to provide kinesiology students with "hands-on" experience in a professional setting beyond the classroom and prior to graduation. Students are given the opportunity to translate theory into practice for professional growth and development under the guidance of qualified professionals.

Since the goal of the Work Term Experience is to develop professional competencies, it is important to find a site that fits a student's career goals. Moreover, it is essential to identify an On-site Supervisor who will provide a framework of opportunities and mentoring that will also enhance educational development. An On-site Supervisor must also provide instruction, guidance, and evaluation of progress to their practicum student.

NOTE:

- **Placements are unpaid and must total 35-40 hours per week for 12-13 weeks during framework of fall or winter terms**
- Students will receive two and one-half full courses (equivalent to 5 HCE) upon successful completion of KNES 420 -- Grading: Credit/Fail
- Credit for only one half-course practicum placement completed prior to participation in KNES 420 will be allowed towards completion of degree requirements.
- Students are not permitted to register in any other courses while registered in KNES 420 unless one Kinesiology Core Course must be taken in the same term so that a student will qualify for graduation at the end of that term.
- Students are advised not to take on other work, volunteer or athletic commitments.
- Students must have a minimum of 28 half-course equivalents (last 10 half-course equivalents at U of C)
- Must be a full-time kinesiology student in good standing with a competitive GPA
- Normal course fees apply (equivalent to 5 HCE)
- Students will not be allowed to withdraw from this course after signing the KNES 420 Student Acceptance Contract.

Course Requirements:

In order to receive credit, students are required to complete all of the following:

- Attend an orientation session on Thursday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. in KNB 137.
- Submit a
 - Learning contract to employer and Work Term Experience Coordinator by **Tuesday, January 22, 2013**
 - Work Term Experience Update Reports to Work Term Experience Coordinator by:
 - **Tuesday, February 5, 2013**
 - **Tuesday, February 26, 2013**
 - **Tuesday, March 26, 2013**
 - Completed Special Project or Research Project or Literature Review to employer and Work Term Experience Coordinator by **Monday, April 15, 2013**
 - Work Term Experience Final Report to both employer and Work Term Experience Coordinator by **Monday, April 15, 2013**
 - Powerpoint presentation date and location (to be arranged by student)
- Fulfill the required hours (35-40 hours/week for 12-13 weeks)
- Fulfill all responsibilities at the site
- Return all site materials (if the student fails to return these materials, it will result in an “F” grade)

Evaluation:

Student performance is monitored by the employer and site visits are carried out by the Work Term Experience Coordinator. A mid-point evaluation and final evaluation are completed by the employer in order to document the performance and development of the student. Evaluation of Work Term Experience proposals and Work Term Experience reports are completed by a designated faculty member.

Grading System: Credit/Fail

Credit given: This course carries a weight of two and one-half full courses (equivalent to 5 HCE)