



INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY STUDIES WORK PRACTICUM WINCHESTER, ENGLAND 2006

The International Disabilities Studies Work Practicum will provide MRC students with the opportunity to gain a broader experience of disability services in an international setting.

This experience will enable students to gain an appreciation of diversity and global perspectives in their field of study; expand students understanding and awareness of another culture; and, challenge students to open themselves to new and alternative ways of thinking about disability studies.

COURSE DATES

July 1 – August 4, 2006

Arrival date: July 1, 2006

Departure date: August 6, 2006

COURSE INFORMATION

The International Practicum is available to all first and second year students. Globalization and understanding world issues from an international perspective are valuable assets as students prepare to move into their disability work careers.

The practicum will run over a 4 week period during the Summer 2006 session (July – August). Students will complete pre-trip assignments and direct practicum hours to bring them to a total of 100 practicum hours. This is a 3 credit course.

COURSE FORMAT

While at Winchester University students will perform 100 hours of volunteer work at an agency and are scheduled to visit different types of service models. Students will also be required to attend integration seminars prior to departure and during the program in England.

Students will be in clinical placements, 3 days a week, in a variety of agencies for children and adults with disabilities. This may include such services as respite care for children, adult community living housing, employment and supported work centers, outreach support, and advocacy associations. Lectures and tours occur one day per week. For information about Winchester University : <http://www.wu.ac.uk>

WINCHESTER, ENGLAND



Winchester is a small but bustling city - one of the most beautiful cathedral cities in the country.

Winchester has a long history, having been the centre of King Alfred's Wessex and the 'capital' city of Saxon and Norman kings of England. There are many famous monuments: the Great Hall which houses what is traditionally known as the Round Table of King Arthur; Winchester College; St Cross and its medieval hospital; the City West Gate and of course, the Cathedral where the University Graduation ceremonies are held each year.

For further information <http://www.cityofwinchester.co.uk/>

PROGRAM COSTS - \$2750 CAD

Includes application fee, student residence accommodation, healthcare insurance, pre-departure orientation, transportation to and from practicum and instructor costs.



PAYMENT PROCESS

International Study Tour/Fields School Fees are payable in person at the Fees Office. Please indicate that payment is for an International Study Tour/Field School.

1st Payment <i>(Non-Refundable Deposit)</i>	November 15	\$500
2nd Payment	February 15	\$1125
3rd Payment	April 1	\$1125

TUITION

Tuition fees are payable at the Fees Office by the appropriate semester deadline. Students will enroll in DAST 1261 or DAST 1263. Students activating DAST 1161 (4 credits) will be required to complete 100 additional hours in a Calgary setting in June prior to departure. Students are eligible for student loans for this course.

AIRFARE & PERSONAL EXPENSES

Students will be responsible for airfare, airport transfer, meals, passport, police check and spending money.

ACCOMMODATION

MRC students will be accommodated on campus at Winchester University in Winchester, Hampshire. The residence is self catering, and student bedding, and cooking utensils are provided. For further information visit the website <http://www.wu.ac.uk/>

INSURANCE

MRC requires that students participating in an International Study Tour/Field School or Exchange must purchase health insurance. Health insurance is provided through StudentGuard and is covered by the program fee.

AIR TRANSPORTATION & ARRIVAL

Students will be responsible for booking air transit from Calgary to London and must arrive in Winchester by July 1, 2006. Students will be provided with transit information prior to departure.

DOCUMENTS

Student visas are not required. Students will enter on a tourist visa. Students will require a valid passport and current Canadian police check.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are required to submit a application portfolio to Dr. Aileen Wight-Felske, Disability Studies coordinator/Instructor, Room T-378, Telephone 440.6983 (awightfelske@mtroyal.ca) by October 31, 2005.

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

In addition to assistance provided by the Department of Disability Studies, logistical support will be provided by the Office of International Education. Please contact Trinda Gillies, International Projects Coordinator at 440.5002 or by email (tgillies@mtroyal.ca) for more information.