



*Living Your Potential - All Your Life!*

*Enabling Full Participation*

*For People With Developmental Disabilities*

## Surrey Place Centre Nursing Student Placement

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Surrey Place Centre provides specialized clinical services to help children and adults living with developmental disabilities, visual impairments and autism spectrum disorder reach their full potential. Depending on staff availability, Surrey Place Centre may offer clinical placement to nursing students enrolled in a Bachelor and/or Master Degree Programs. Nursing students at Surrey Place Centre will have demonstrated an interest in working with children and/or adults living with developmental disabilities and will have the opportunity to be supervised by APNs or RNs throughout their placement.

### **NURSING STUDENTS MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Examine issues affecting persons living with developmental disabilities at different life stages from birth to adulthood
- Learn about the impact of social determinants of health, government and community supports for persons with developmental disabilities, and identify gaps or system barriers
- Learn about developmental disability primary care guidelines and resources
- Learn about a wide range of disabilities and challenges related to Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy, hearing, visual, health and aging issues, challenging behaviours, etc.
- Gain a greater understanding of family centred care, the mediator model and consultation
- Conduct assessments and develop clinical care plans
- Implement recommendations / interventions and evaluate their outcomes
- Work with clients' caregivers, parents, teachers, residential, respite and day program workers, and vocational instructors
- Work with experienced clinicians in an interdisciplinary team setting (will work with physicians, psychologists, behavioural therapists, speech language pathologists, OTs, social workers, and other disciplines)

### **PLACEMENT CRITERIA:**

- Second or third year in Bachelor degree nursing program (community nursing placement) or clinical placement for Masters degree nursing program
- Basic understanding of developmental disabilities or a demonstrated interest in working with persons living with developmental disabilities
- Articulated learning goals for placement
- Statement of Understanding between academic institution and SPC with evidence of WSIB coverage (not covered by SPC)
- Complete vulnerable sector check
- French is an asset

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**For more information on Surrey Place Centre and our student placements, please contact the [Student Placement Coordinator](#) at your Institution or visit the [Surrey Place Centre website](#):**

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