



*Living Your Potential - All Your Life!*

*Enabling Full Participation*

*For People With Developmental Disabilities*

## Surrey Place Centre Master of Social Work 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. Surrey Place Centre offers a one year placement for Master of Social Work students who are in the final phase of the MSW program. The Social Work Student Placement is designed to offer an in-depth view of Surrey Place Centre and to provide an opportunity for students to gain experience with, and understanding of, persons living with developmental disabilities. Students participating in the MSW Student Placement will be mentored and supervised by experienced SPC staff members who currently hold an MSW.

### **SPC OFFERS SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Conduct client assessments
- Conduct counselling with clients
- Learn of 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.
- Learn of government and community supports for persons with developmental disability
- Improve research and clinical skills
- Work in an interdisciplinary team setting working with physicians, nurses, behavioural therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, CDAs, audiologists, and other disciplines
- Work with clients' caregivers: parents, teachers, residential, respite and day program workers and vocational instructors
- Learn about issues affecting lives of persons with developmental disabilities from birth to adulthood

### **PLACEMENT CRITERIA:**

- Enrolled in MSW program
- Demonstrate exceptional skills in area of specialty
- 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)
- French is considered an asset

**Application Deadline: May 1st**

**Placements Available: 1 placement September to April**

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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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