

Physical Activity/Movement Practicum RSS 3911 (1ch) and RSS 3912 (2ch)

What is a Physical Activity/Movement Practicum?

Physical Activity/Movement Practicums are replacing Special and Leadership Activity Labs for students in BRSS or BScKin who are interested in pursuing an Education degree with a teachable in physical education. These practicums provide students with an opportunity for significant physical or recreational skill attainment or improvement. They are designed to suit individual students' professional needs.

Practicums normally run during the fall and winter terms. RSS 3911 is a one credit hour (1ch) course, and RSS 3912 is a two credit hour (2ch) course and is intended to be more advanced learning. Each credit hour requires at least 40 hours of learning activities (instruction, practice, study), so the course will require a fair amount of time during the term.

Practicums can be done either in the community or on campus. Students need to meet with the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Greg Duquette to discuss their ideas, write a proposal, complete a learning contract, and submit both for approval. The learning contract is available from the Assistant Dean.

Please contact Greg Duquette by email (duquette@unb.ca) or by phone (447-3089).

Please note: Students cannot register in these courses using on-line registration. To be registered, students must first make an appointment to meet with the Assistant Dean to discuss their ideas. Students interested in doing practicums need to have their proposals prepared (including the learning contract) and approved by the Assistant Dean prior to the last day to add courses for the term.

What are the Requirements?

Normally, students need to complete a minimum of forty-eight credit hours (48ch) toward their degree and have a G.P.A of 2.5 before doing any self-directed study. Students can check their G.P.A. and completed number of credit hours by accessing their transcripts on-line through UNB's E-services.

How Do I Write the Proposal?

The proposal will be part of the learning contract for completing the practicum. The student needs to submit a one-to-two page proposal that provides the following information:

- Name of the organization
- Supervisor's full name, job title and contact information (email and phone)
- Title of the activity and location
- General description of the activity
- Dates and times set aside for the activity
- Clearly stated learning objectives (skills and knowledge to be gained from the special activity)
- Student's name, student number, and course to be taken (RSS 3911 or RSS 3912)

Once the proposal is complete, it must be submitted along with the signed learning contract to the Assistant Dean. Once the proposal and contract have been submitted and approved, the student will be enrolled in the course (this should happen before the last day to add courses for the term).

Methods of Evaluation: The evaluation process is dependent on the practicum the student is proposing to do. In all cases, the organization providing the course must provide a written evaluation which will make up part of the overall grade for the course.

How Will I Be Graded?

It is the student's responsibility to participate in the practicum from start to finish. The practicum ends when all requirements of the proposal have been met. As the initiator of the course, the student will be responsible for ensuring that all evaluation information is forwarded to the Assistant Dean in writing from the organization supervisor. The Assistant Dean will assess all evaluation information and provide a final grade for the course. All course material needs to be submitted on or before the last day of classes for that term. Normally, if submissions are not received by the last day of classes a final grade of "F" will be assigned.

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