

Faculty Practicums

Setting learning goals and expectations is critical in maximizing your practical experience.

Determining what you want to get out of the practical experience before designing it, is essential. Examine where you are now academically, personally and professionally. Consider where you want to be when you complete your degree: what skills, knowledge and experience do you need to secure your ultimate goal (i.e., 5 years in the future)?

Create a one-page overview, keeping in mind the end result – not the beginning.

The following template may assist you in determining your goals and writing your overview.

I want this experience to provide me with the following skills, knowledge and experience (consider one or more from each category):

Academically

- Create a practicum with specific learning objectives which will award me __ credit hours towards my B_____ degree
- Create a practicum which will provide me with experience not already evident in my academic program
- Create a practicum working with an NGO / Volunteer organization which will enhance my UNB _____ degree program

Personally

- Create a practicum which will enhance my network of friends, colleagues, mentors and professionals
- Create a practicum which will enhance my soft skills including: communication, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and team work
- Create a practicum which will build my confidence, expand my world and foster my development as an adult

Professionally

- Create a practicum which will enhance my professional skills working in a professional environment
- Create a practicum which will enhance my professional skills working in a career-oriented environment
- Create a practicum which provides me experience working in policy development and strategic planning

You have now developed learning objectives. What do they look like?

- Are you in a school, health setting, private sector organization, clinic, team, etc.?
- Are you teaching, researching, planning or building?
- Are you working with children, youth, adults, seniors, or by yourself?
- What is the ideal environment to achieve your goals?

Think about this and remember – the better the framework the better the learned experience.

Please submit your one page overview to Greg Duquette, Assistant Dean - Undergraduate Programs, by email duquette@unb.ca, or in person KIN 345.