

## EDUC 4858: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Finding a Placement

Teacher candidates are responsible for researching various organizations and securing their own community placement. If requested, the Practicum Office will assist teacher candidates who experience difficulty in finding an appropriate and safe placement. Teacher candidates must keep the following criteria in mind when researching organizations of interest:

- The placement must consist of a minimum of **60 hours** of service
- The placement must have a connection to human development and service to the community.
- The placement must include a teaching/learning component where teaching skills can be applied.
- The placement must be completed within Ontario, unless it is an international or other placement supported by Nipissing University.
- The placement must be completed within a healthy and safe environment.
- The placement must be unpaid.
- The placement can be completed within an organization where the teacher candidate has previously worked or volunteered.
- The site supervisor cannot be an immediate family member of the teacher candidate.
- Placement hours must be arranged according to the needs of the organization and/or the site supervisor.
- The placement cannot be completed in a traditional classroom/setting within a publically funded school or a First Nation school in Ontario.
- The placement may be completed in an outdoor education centre or in a care and treatment facility that is run by a publicly funded school board in Ontario.

## Community Placement Examples

There are many organizations that would be a suitable community placement. The following are examples of organizations that may be of interest to you:

- Alternative Schools
- Autism Centres
- Arts Associations
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Boarding Schools
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Children's Aid Society
- Children's Help Line
- Children's Mental Health Services
- Conservation Areas
- Correction Centres
- Distress Centres Ontario
- Early Years Centre
- ESL Organizations
- Family Counselling Centres
- Family/Children's Services
- Forestry Centres
- Health Units
- Heart and Stroke Association
- Homeless Centres
- Hospitals – Pediatric/Geriatric Care
- Human Resources – Public or Corporate
- Juvenile Diabetes Society
- Leadership Programs
- Learning Centres
- Youth Centres
- Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
- Leisure Centres
- Library Programs
- Literacy Organizations
- Lung Association
- Me to We
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities
- Museums
- Music Programs for Children
- Native Cultural Centres
- Outdoor Centres
- Outreach Programs
- Park and Recreation – Local Municipalities
- Pioneer Villages
- Private Schools
- Respite Care
- Service Ontario Centres
- Specialty Schools (i.e School for the Deaf)
- Training & Development Officers/Corporate Training
- Tutoring Services
- UNICEF
- Universities/Colleges (other than Nipissing University)
- YMCA/YWCA

**\*Other organizations as approved by the Practicum Office.**