Project Ideas for Student Placements

The following are some examples of projects that Faculty of Health students can support during a placement and which can be conceived of or transition to a virtual format. Specific focus of the project will depend on the knowledge and skills associated with the students’ program of study.

**COVID-19 Related Projects**

- Develop and maintain a resource page to keep staff and clients informed
- Review and update relevant policies and procedures
- Capture the organization’s response and reaction to COVID-19 in a summary and make recommendations

**Transition to Virtual/Remote Engagement**

- Develop policies and procedures related to remote working (e.g. privacy, access, etc.)
- Facilitate virtual alternatives to services/programs (e.g. virtual tutoring, friendly visits, exercise class, etc.)
- Organize an online/virtual conference or event (e.g. health fair, workshop, etc.)
- Increase online engagement with clients and general public (e.g. social media)
- Review and update websites with appropriate content
- Establish a blog that can later be sustained by volunteers (e.g. to encourage thought leadership)

**Organizational Development Projects**

- Review and update infection prevention & control policies and procedures
- Develop a new policy and associated procedures by consolidating existing policies
- Hold focus groups to review proposed policy changes and seek feedback for improvement
- Support training and professional development for staff
- Develop other resource toolkits/guides (e.g. pamphlets, handbooks, educational materials)
- Identify available grants and support writing process
- Conduct environmental scans or situational assessments of areas of interest
- Develop program evaluation plan and support evaluation process
- Support client experience improvement (e.g. develop and distribute a survey)
- Develop fact sheets, Instagram animation, infographics, ideas related to the organization’s programs
- Create electronic data transfer system for medical claims, user experience, middle and back end
- Program with SQL for performance analysis
- Electronic Health Records— deploy and post implementation of EHR in workflow processes and change, trouble shoot electronic health record access with patients, input and validation of data

**Collaborative Projects with Other Organizations**

- Establish a network or community of practice
- Develop a shared resource with best practices (e.g. with tools for practitioners)
- Facilitate collaboration around specific projects, initiatives, events (e.g. Black History Month)
Research Projects

- Recruit participants for research studies
- Develop and distribute surveys (e.g. client experience)
- Analyze themes from qualitative interviews and write briefing notes
- Assist with writing abstracts, manuscripts and reports
- Design academic posters and prepare presentations
- Support grant applications and research budgeting
- Complete literature review on a given topic
- Support Knowledge Translation/Mobilization efforts

“Backburner” or “Passion” Projects

- Develop a student or volunteer manual (including onboarding process, resources, etc.)
- Develop an online resource library for the organization

“Wicked Problems”/Challenges/Innovation

- Help develop innovative solutions to complex problems
- Host a hackathon or bootcamp to encourage innovation in the organization