York-Seneca Rehabilitation Services Certificate Program

Information Session
Wednesday, January 24th, 2018
Agenda

• Welcome

• Introductions
  – Barbara Pimenoff, Program Coordinator, YSR Program, Seneca College
  – Dr. Jill Rich, YSR Coordinator, York University

• Information about the Program

• Speakers

• Question Period
YSR Program

• Only one of its kind in Canada (Founded in 1981)

• Offered as a joint program between Seneca College and York University
  – Seneca courses offered at the Seneca@York Campus
What do Rehabilitation Professionals Do?

• Assist people with physical, emotional, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities to help them:
  – Reach an optimal level of functioning
  – Develop independence
  – Improve quality of life
Why YSR?

• It allows you to combine your BA and BSc knowledge with practical field experience
• Get necessary training to be part of a professional association (like the VRA-Vocational Rehabilitation Association)
• Work collaboratively with health care and vocational professionals
• We have a high post-graduate employment rate (approximately 90%)
YSR Program Structure

• If you are completing a BA/BSc:
  – BA/BSc + YSR Courses = 4 years

• If you are completing an Hons. BA/BSc:
  – Hons. BA/BSc + YSR Courses = 5 years
Program Structure

• First Year of YSR Program:
  – Equivalent of 3 Full-Year YORK courses
  – Equivalent of 2 Full-Year SENECA courses
  – Fieldwork (400 hours)

• Second Year of YSR Program:
  – Equivalent of 2 Full-Year YORK courses
  – Equivalent of 3 Full-Year SENECA courses
  – Fieldwork (400 hours)
# Required Courses- Year 1 of YSR

**SENeca**
- Intro to Rehabilitation (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Community Resources (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Physical Disabilities I (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Rehabilitation Counselling (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Fieldwork (400 hours spread over both terms)

**YORK**
- Personality (PSYC 2130 3.0)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 3140 3.0)
- Motivation (PSYC 2230 3.0)
- Behaviour in Groups (PSYC 3430 3.0)
- Sociology of Health (SOCl 3820 6.0)
Required Courses-Year 2 of YSR

**SENeca**
- Assessment Approaches in Rehab (1st term)
- The Rehabilitation Process (1st term)
- Physical Disabilities II (1st term)
- Canadian Social Policy (2nd term)
- Life Skills Coaching (2nd term)
- Ethics and Professionalism (2nd term)
- Fieldwork (400 hours spread over both terms)

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- Behaviour Modification & Behaviour Therapy (PSYC 4030 6.0)
- Counselling Psychology (PSYC 4060 6.0)
Entry Requirements

• Completed 60 credits (10 full-year courses) including PSYC 1010 6.0 towards a BA/BSc degree or

OR

• Completed 90 credits (15 full-year courses) including PSYC 1010 6.0 towards an Honours BA/BSc degree.
Application Process

• Application form (Available on the York website):
  – Academic background and courses
  – Highlight your volunteer and/or work history (rehabilitation-related experience is an asset)
  – Understanding of rehabilitation field (through a written statement)

• Official Transcript

• Two references who can comment on your ability and suitability in the rehabilitation field (through a referee report)

• Email application to Sabrina Iantorno, York Program Secretary (ysrehab@yorku.ca)
Field Placements

• Rebecca Jasper (Placement Coordinator, YSR program)
Overview of Placement

• Total of 800 hours over the 2 years of the program (200 hours per semester)
• First year: Two different placements for the year (one per per semester)
• Second year: Choice of either 1 (400 hours) or 2 (200 hours each) placements for the year
• Placement runs during the regular Fall and Winter semesters (September – end of April)
Overview of Placement

• Requirement is to gain experience with each of the following populations:
  – Physical disabilities
  – Emotional / psychological disabilities
  – Developmental / Intellectual / Cognitive disabilities

• Will be evaluated in each of the following areas at least once over the 2 years (case management, assessment, counselling, individual and group planning, vocational placement, and general work performance)
Overview of Placement

• Student’s responsibility to secure placement (agency list provided for pre-approved placements to assist in search)

• Placement opportunities are diverse within the rehabilitation field

• At student and supervisor’s discretion to schedule placement days
  – Students typically attend placement 2 days per week for full days

• Many agencies hire for summer positions and/or graduates of the program – placement can turn into employment!
Guest Speakers

• Martine Oliveira (YSR graduate and instructor, AGS Rehab Solutions)
• Deborah Bluestein (YSR graduate, Surrey Place)
• Karina Midence (recent YSR graduate)
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Dates to Remember

• Applications are due March 12, 2018
• Offers are made in mid-April
• Orientation session for those who are selected for the YSR program (May 1, 2018)
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Questions?