York-Seneca Rehabilitation Services Certificate Program

Information Session
Thursday, January 28th, 2021
Agenda

• Welcome
• Introductions
• Program Structure
• Field Placement
• Guest Speaker
• How to Apply
• Question & Answer Period
Program Coordinators

York
Dr. Magdalena Wojtowicz

Seneca
Barbara Pimenoff
YSR Program

- One of a kind in Canada (Founded in 1981)
- Offered as a joint program between Seneca College and York University
- Seneca courses offered at the Seneca at York U 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 or BSc knowledge with practical field experience
- Get necessary training to be part of a professional association (e.g., VRA-Vocational Rehabilitation Association)
- Work collaboratively with health care and vocational professionals
- We have a high post-graduate employment rate (approximately 90%)
Program Length

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
- Equivalent of 3 Full-Year YORK courses
- Equivalent of 2.5 Full-Year SENECA courses
- Fieldwork (400 hours)

Second Year
- Equivalent of 2 Full-Year YORK courses
- Equivalent of 2.5 Full-Year SENECA courses
- Fieldwork (400 hours)
YSR Required Seneca Courses

Year 1

Fall Semester
• Intro to Rehabilitation
• Community Resources

Winter Semester
• Physical Disabilities I
• Rehabilitation Counselling
• Life Skills Coaching

Fieldwork (400 hours spread over both terms)

Year 2

Fall Semester
• Assessment Approaches in Rehab
• The Rehabilitation Process
• Physical Disabilities II

Winter Semester
• Canadian Social Policy
• Ethics and Professionalism

Fieldwork (400 hours spread over both terms)
YSR Required York Courses

- Personality (PSYC 2130 3.0)
- Motivation (PSYC 2230 3.0)
- Abnormal Psychology (PSYC 3140 3.0)
- Health Psychology (PSYC 3170 3.0)

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

Note: Students must also complete other degree requirements, such as Critical Thinking in Psychology (PSYC 4180 6.0)
Field Placements

Daiana Giancola, BA Hons (Spec. Psyc.)

Fieldwork Placement Instructor, YSR program
YSR Program Graduate
Overview of Placement

• Total of 800 hours over the 2 years of program (200 hours per semester)
• First year (FWK901):
  – Two (2) different placements
  – One (1) per semester
• Second year (FWK902):
  – Choice of either 1 (400 hours) or 2 (200 hours each) placements for the year
• Placement runs 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
Overview of Placement

• Evaluation over the 2 years in all the following areas:
  – Case management
  – Assessment
  – Counseling
  – Individual and Group Planning
  – Vocational Placement
  – General Work Performance
Overview of Placement

• Students are responsible for securing placements
  – Placement search to be treated as job search
  – 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 post graduate employment 😊
Guest Speaker

Sanzana Hossain
YSR Graduate, Instructor, ScotiaBank
Entry Requirements

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

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)

• We will review your transcript
Application Process cont’d

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

Email application to YSR Program Administration:
ysrehab@yorku.ca
Dates to Remember

Applications are due March 25, 2021

Offers are made in mid-April

Orientation session for those who are selected for the YSR program is in the first week of May
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QUESTIONS