

Community Outreach to Vulnerable Seniors Student Placement (2 roles)

“The Seniors’ Community Outreach to Vulnerable Seniors program” supports community-based projects located within the Toronto Central LHIN boundaries that target outreach services to frail seniors’ population groups. The program specifically works with community groups who outreach to seniors experiencing challenges in managing their own health in their home. This program provides seed funding for projects that improve the health results of frail, isolated and vulnerable seniors showing results in hospital emergency room prevention, and better chronic disease management for the seniors served.

The projects need to increase the access to supports and information for seniors through culturally appropriate outreach and support in the community. We are looking for an enthusiastic student who is interested in community development, health promotion program and would like to gain experience in working with seniors. The student will work with the Community Health Facilitator to build the capacity of funded projects by identifying needs, developing and coordinating trainings and meetings.

Length of Placement: full year placement, September 2017 – April 2018

Program requirements: this role is ideally suited to a student in Community Development 2nd year placement, Health Science, Social Service worker or equivalent academic program

Remuneration: This is an unpaid placement

Location: 815 Danforth Ave

Responsibilities:

- Assist in developing health promotion program and network group related activities
- Assist in reviewing and summarizing literature research, and overall administrative assistance related to health promotion training and network group activities
- Assist in preparation and delivery of health promotion training and network meetings
Collect, distribute and record required data, attendance sheets, such meeting notes, evaluation forms, and community based resources
- Gather and organize data, maintain accurate records, submit weekly progress reports
- Work with network group members (group coordinators) to identify gaps and challenges
- Participate in train the trainer workshops hosted by third party agencies, and deliver trainings in the community
- Visit regularly with community groups to address any issues or problems they have concerning the delivery of health promotion workshops
- Assist with system navigation as required

Requirements:

- Knowledge and sensitivity to the challenges facing the seniors
- Previous experience in working with health promotion or community development is an asset
- Good oral communication, problem solving, job task planning and organizing, critical thinking, and decision making skills
- Great facilitation skills
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office and computer program knowledge

****please note that this placement requires significant work in the community and will involve travel within Toronto to various community locations****

Interested applicants should apply to volunteer@woodgreen.org with your resume and cover letter outlining why you are interested in this role.