



FOR YEAR 1 ENTRY ONLY

DOUGLAS COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHILD & YOUTH CARE

VOLUNTEER/WORK EXPERIENCE FORM

The Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program prepares adults to work with children and adolescents who are experiencing emotional, behavioural and/or family difficulties. Graduates are employed in residential, school and community settings. *See attached.*

One entry requirement of the Child and Youth Care Counsellor (CYCC) program is that applicants complete a **minimum of 75** hours of volunteer or paid experience in a child and/or youth care setting, prior to entry into the program. Please complete the following form. The more accurate information the applicant has prior to entry into this career, the clearer it will be the applicant's decision to enter or not enter the CYCC program.

Name of Applicant _____

Applicant Phone Number _____

Applicant Student Number _____

Agency _____

Agency Address _____

Agency Phone _____

Supervising Person _____
NAME TITLE

Number of hours of volunteer or work completed by applicant _____

Nature of volunteer or paid work

Did the volunteer/worker arrive regularly as scheduled?

Was the volunteer/worker reliable?

ELIGIBILITY FOR CYCC PROGRAM

Please describe the quality and extent of interactions with children and/or youth.

Please describe the quality and extent of interactions with staff

What would you identify as the volunteer/worker's particular strengths?

Did you perceive any particular areas of difficulty? (Please specify.)

In your professional opinion, is this applicant ready for training as a child and youth care counsellor? Please state the reasons for your opinion.

DATE & SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING PERSON

PLEASE MAIL DIRECTLY TO:

Admissions Department
Douglas College
PO Box 2503
New Westminster, BC V3L 5B2
Attn: Martha Kyle

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Applicant for Full Time Program Part Time Program

Date Received _____

Does applicant meet eligibility criteria? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant has been:

Phoned _____ Written _____ Interviewed _____

Comments

DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

RECOMMENDED VOLUNTEER WORK
THE CHILD AND YOUTH CARE COUNSELLOR PROGRAM

75 hours of supervised volunteer experience is mandatory prior to entry into the full or part time Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program. Volunteer experience may be gained in residential, school or community based settings but should take place under the auspices of a recognized organization which can verify the work. Upon completion of the 75 hours, the supervisor of the volunteer experience will complete an "Eligibility" form (available from Admissions). **Apply to the program first and then complete your volunteer hours by the deadline assigned by the Admissions Officer. All applicants must be 19 years of age by November 1st of intake year.**

Preferred Experience:

Work with children, between the ages of 6 and 18 years who are experiencing behavioral, social and/or emotional difficulties.

Also Acceptable:

1. work with children who have intellectual or physical disabilities.
2. work in a licensed early childhood education centre where some or all of the children are designated as being "special needs"

Types of Settings:

Residential	-	treatment centres
	-	group homes
School	-	Alternate
	-	Social adjustment classes
	-	Special needs classes
	-	Regular class with children who have some special need, behavioral, physical, mental, etc.
Community	-	Community centres
	-	Boys and girls clubs
	-	Drop-in centres
	-	Street Resources
Parent-Child Education	-	Support/Training programs for children and their parents

Applicants can obtain listings of programs from the Directory of Social Services (Red Book) or from a volunteer bureau. (The Directory is available in the reference section of many libraries.)

CYCC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Boys and Girls' Clubs of Greater Vancouver Volunteer Hotline: 604-708-5437

Options Community Services: 604-596-4321

YMCA Employment – Volunteer line 604-895-5813

Surrey Volunteer Centre (Options Community Services): 604-584-5811

All Community Centres

All School Districts

Experience which will not fulfill entry requirements for eligibility into the Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program:

1. Unsupervised experience
2. Work solely with adults (regardless of their mental age)
3. Work with members of one's own family
4. Babysitting or nanny experience
5. "Crisis Line" telephone counseling

High school peer mentoring