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