

Menno Simons College Conflict Resolution Studies

School Practicum Program - Fall/Winter 2018/2019

CONTACT: Ruth Taronno, Practicum Director at r.taronno@uwinnipeg.ca, 953-3845

The **school practicum** is a structured program coordinated by the Menno Simons College practicum director and Winnipeg One School Division. In the school practicum, conflict resolution students work in inner-city schools in a variety of roles - from mediation, to teaching conflict resolution skills and peer mediation in the classrooms, to working with individual students. All schools give our students the opportunity to perform actual mediations with junior high and high school students.

Information:

- 1) Students must have completed the required CRS courses - Intro, Conflict Theory and Analysis (formerly Conflict as Creative Catalyst), and Models for Conflict Transformation, as well as the co-requisite conciliation and mediation skills workshops.
- 2) This practicum is available either as a 3 crhr or 6 crhr practicum. The 3 crhr school practicum is available to both 3 and 4 year CRS majors, but the 6 crhr is restricted to 4 yr CRS majors. The difference in the two programs is the number of “on-site” hours required and the amount of academic work. Those in the 6 crhr program will work in the schools for 120 hours, and those in the 3 crhr program for 60 hours.
- 3) All students in this program (both 3 crhr and 6 crhr) will receive extra mediation training and take part in informational workshops and seminars prior to working in the schools – these will take place 2:30 to 4:30 on three Fridays in September, 2018 in room 1MS15.
- 4) Both 3 and 6 crhr programs run through the fall and winter terms.
- 5) This is one of the few practicum placements which allows students the opportunity to actually mediate conflicts and work directly in conflict situations.
- 6) The director will place students within participating schools, and act as liaison between Menno Simons College and the school division.