



**Menno Simons College
Conflict Resolution Studies**

School Practicum Program – Fall/Winter 2019/2020

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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 – *Introduction to CRS, Conflict Theory and Analysis*, and *Models for Conflict Transformation*, as well as the co-requisite *Coaching Skills Workshop* and *Mediation Skills Workshop*.
- 2) This practicum is available either as a 3 credit hour or 6 credit hour placement. The 3 cr hr school practicum is available to both 3- and 4-year CRS majors, but the 6 cr hr is restricted to 4-year CRS majors. The difference in the two programs is the number of ‘on-site’ hours required and the amount of academic work. Students in the 6 cr hr program will work in the schools for 120 hours, and those in the 3 cr hr program will participate for 60 hours.
- 3) All students in this program (both 3 cr hr and 6 cr hr) will receive extra mediation training and take part in informational workshops and seminars prior to working in the schools. These sessions will take place from 2:30-4:30pm on three Fridays in September.
- 4) Both 3 cr hr and 6 cr hr programs run through the fall and winter terms.
- 5) This is one of the few practicum placements that allows students the opportunity to actually mediate conflicts and work directly in conflict situations.
- 6) The Practicum Director will place students within participating schools and act as a liaison between Menno Simons College and the school division.