



Young Life and Vanguard Practicum/Internship Students

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Overview

Young Life is a non denominational youth outreach organization that provides mentorship for teenagers and safe place to explore the Christian faith. We are looking for college age volunteers to this relational ministry that works within the public schools with the city of Edmonton. This practicum/volunteer experience can lead into a career within Young Life, not just in Edmonton but across Canada as well.

Practicum outcomes

1. Students will grow in their leadership through many opportunities to lead and organize trips, meetings, devotionals, bible studies, song leading and speaking.
2. Students will encounter long lasting friendships and community with staff persons, fellow leaders and our adult committee members. Students personal development is very important to us and there are many opportunities for students to be invested in. ie. mentorship, leader retreats, area retreats, supervision meetings.
3. Students will be the hands and feet of Jesus in Edmonton's public schools. Many students have never had the opportunity to hear about God's love and you will have the chance to share that message with them through friendships and mentorship.
4. Students will find adventure. In Young Life, we like to have fun and not take ourselves too seriously. You will have the opportunity to laugh with us and at yourself, be creative, do Young Life in a way that it hasn't been done before and find a genuine and authentic ministry to grow in. You will be challenged and encouraged as you step out in boldness and faith. We will be right there with you.
5. Students will have the opportunity to continue through the leadership pipeline within Young Life. As potential full time staff, part time staff associate positions, volunteering at our summer camp Rockridge Canyon through summer staff or assignment teams, summer grant workers and much more. You have a place with us and we are excited to see if this could be a career for you!
6. Students will gain an incredible youth ministry experience that will give them tools and perspective that will carry with them as they enter full time ministry, whether that be serving as a youth pastor in their local church or continuing on the parachurch mission field.

Specifications

Students need to love Jesus and love teens. This is the most important quality of Young Life leaders. Students will need to honor their commitments to their teens, team and supervisor. This is key to having a successful internship or practicum.

Commitments

I. Weekly

We are very flexible with your schedule as we know how difficult it can be to balance school and work. We ask for a **minimum of 5 hours a week**. With opportunities to do more.

- 1.5 hours leader meeting (where we come together in prayer, have a devotional and plan our upcoming week/month)
- 2.5 hours for club. If you are a High School leader, this is weekly and if you are Jr. High School leader this is bi weekly. (club is our weekly/bi weekly event where we sing songs, play crazy games and a leader gives a 10 minute talk about a story from the gospels and a personal story in how it relates)
- 1 hour of contact work. Contact work just means meeting students. That could be hanging at the school during lunch hour or going to basketball game.

II. Supervision/Mentorship

Depending on your requirement for your practicum class, you can meet weekly, bi-weekly, monthly with your supervisor. Mentorship through one of our adult committee members is also available if you are looking for more than just supervision.

III. Yearly

There are events throughout the year that you will be required to attend.

- **Summer Camp:** A huge part of our ministry in our Young Life camp in BC. You will take the students who you've been investing in throughout the year to our beautiful property outside of Princeton. This is where many students commit to a life with Jesus and you get to be right in the middle of it. The

unique thing about our camp, is that you get to your students leader. It's where you get to experience a life changing week with your teenage friends. It will be **one week in either July or August**

- **New Year's Camp/One wYLDnight:** New Years Camp is our high school winter camp at Gull Lake. It takes place over four days and it's a blast! A great opportunity to build relationships with your teenage friends and for them to hear about Jesus. One wYLDnight is our 24 hour adventure camp for our junior high school friends. This takes place in late November.
- **Leader Retreat:** A highlight of the year is our all Alberta Leader retreat at Camp Nakamun. It is **one weekend in January** where you get to join the entire province for some crazy Young Life fun, meet other leaders, enjoy spiritual development, youth training and so much more. It is a blast!
- **Area Specific Fall and Spring Retreats:** Depending on the area of Edmonton you are serving in, usually they will **have two weekend retreats throughout the year**. One in the fall and the spring. This is a weekend to focus on community with those you serve alongside with and training in what you need most for your ministry. Not to mention times of fun and relaxation!

IV. Optional

There are events throughout the year that you are not required to attend but are there if you'd like!

- **Camp Assignments:** There is opportunities to volunteer for a month in either July or August on the summer staff team. You would join 30 other college age volunteers from across Canada where you get to serve campers and grow in your relationship with Christ. Two full time staff are there to invest and pour into you and your summer staff team.

There is also opportunity to serve on assignment for either July or August as Work Crew Bosses. This is where you'd spend a month working and living alongside our high school age volunteers, discipling and caring for them.

- **Local Camp Assignments:** If you want to get more experience in upfront leadership then this is a great option for you. You could have various assignment roles within our province camps and retreats; like program, worship leading, speaking, head leading, work crew bossing and camp manager.
- **Summer grant workers:** Every summer we hire around 10 college students to work with Young Life in Edmonton. You would be paid to do what you are normally doing and organize camp fundraising and our trips to Rockridge. Plus you get to weekly training and community time with your fellow summer grant workers.

- **Staff Associate Program:** If this is something that you could see yourself doing in the future, then this may be a good option for you. Our Staff Associate program is a 2 year paid internship within Young Life where you, with the help of your supervisor and trainer would start Young Life in a school where it hasn't been before. You would be able to do either 10 hours or 20 hours weekly. You will be required to fundraise but we have lots of training to help you in that. A highlight of the internship is a week long training course in October at Rockridge Canyon where you get to learn from our sr. field staff and meet 30 other interns from across Canada that will be in your year. It is a great community to be apart of!

V. Other

- **Capernaum:** This is our high school club working with teenagers with disabilities. This is another practicum option.
- **Summer grant workers:** The mandarin club is for high school students who are studying in Canada from China. You don't have to know mandarin to be involved. This would be a very similar ministry to the HMS trip to China.