



Placement Role (Title): Research Assistant, Psychology of Physical Activity and Health Promotion Lab

Host Organization: Nipissing University, School of Physical and Health Education

Host Description: The Psychology of Physical Activity and Health Promotion (PPAHP) Lab is the central hub for research on sport and exercise psychology, health promotion, and behavioural medicine within the School of Physical and Health Education at Nipissing University. Within the lab, faculty members work collaboratively with undergraduate and graduate students, as well as research interns and coordinators to conduct research using both qualitative and quantitative methods. Dr. Law's research focuses specifically on children's sport and physical activity participation, with a particular interest in school-based physical activity. She also conducts research examining use of imagery and modeling (observational learning) within sport settings and their effect on learning, performance, and athletes' ability to regulate their mental states (e.g., confidence, anxiety). The research assistant will have the opportunity to assist with projects in various stages of development – from design, through data collection and analysis, to preparation of reports, presentations, journal articles, and knowledge translation materials for the academic and broader community.

Dates: Flexible. Students may complete all hours in the Fall, Winter, or Fall/Winter.

Placement Service Times: Flexible.

Placement Duties:

- Students will assist with research project(s) currently being conducted under the supervision of Dr. Barbi Law.
- Duties may include assisting with: conducting literature searches, participant recruitment, data collection (surveys, focus groups), data entry, pilot testing research protocols (surveys, videos), and preparing conference presentation materials, knowledge translation materials.
- Students will work collaboratively with other members of the research team, including students and faculty within the PPAHP Lab, students and faculty at other institutions, and/or coaches and community members affiliated with other organizations.
- Students must be able to meet with the faculty lead at regular intervals throughout the duration of the placement.

Placement Duties: The placement student will spend a minimum of 50 hours training under the supervision of the Nipissing University faculty.

Placement Eligibility Requirements: Placement students must be flexible, able to work independently and during evenings/weekends. Interest in continuing studies in sport psychology is considered an asset. Students should possess strong interpersonal and communication skills and be comfortable using software programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience with website design (e.g., Wordpress) and video editing software is an asset. Valid police check and CPR Level C/FA required. Students must have successfully completed PHED 2026. Successful completion of PHED 3016 is considered an asset.

Number of Students Accommodated within placement: (minimum 50 hours): 2

Contact person within organization: Dr. Barbi Law

Placement application process: Students applying for this placement must submit a resume, cover letter and be willing to interview for the limited number of positions available. Applications may be submitted directly to Dr. Law.

Deadline to submit expression of interest: September 25th, 2017 at 4pm