Community Development Program

Division of Sociology and Family Studies

Thank you for your interest in the Community Development Program at Brescia University College. Please complete this application form and return it to Brescia University College by **no later** than **April 15th**. Applications received after this deadline will be considered at the discretion of the department.

This application is designed to support your intent to register in a Community Development program. Because this program involves a practicum/field placement, your responses to the questions on this application form will help us to identify your particular interest and create an effective "out of classroom" learning experience for you. Please note that all placements are off campus, and it is the responsibility of the student to arrange for transportation to and from the placement.

Application Form

Deadline: April 15th

Date of Application: _____ Student Number: _____

Name (print clearly): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: (____)_____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

Are you applying for?

- □ Honors Specialization in Community Rural Health Development
- □ Honors Specialization in Families and Communities
- □ Major in Community Development
- □ Certificate in Community Development

What year are you currently in? _____

If accepted into this program, what year do you plan to take the CD placement courses (3330F, 3331G, 3334b)?
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Do you have learning disabilities or special needs which should be taken into consideration in establishing a community placement? (The committee is committed to equality of opportunity.)
□ YES □ NO
(If yes, give details.)

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1. What are your reasons for applying to the program?

2. In what ways do you hope or expect to benefit from this program?

3. Do you have any occupational, educational, volunteer, or life experiences which might enrich your contribution to the program?

4. If your academic record does not meet the application requirements for the program, are there explanatory factors which you would like the committee to keep in mind before making its decision?

5. Are there issues in your personal experience or history which might make certain community placements a challenge for you, and that the committee ought to know about?

6. Community placements will be determined through a collaborative process among students, the faculty placement coordinator and the community partner. Students should be aware that there may be costs associated with the placement (e.g. parking, bus tickets) or specific requirements (e.g. police checks, health requirements). **These costs are the responsibility of the student.** Keeping this in mind the following are examples of community placements and projects. A few of them already involve Brescia students, while others are suggested by community partners and faculty members as good prospective practicum experiences. Please check off the ones that are of interest to you; add some ideas if you wish.

- □ Organize a tutoring program or homework club in a disadvantaged school or neighbourhood
- □ Run programs at Merrymount for children from families who are experiencing distress and crisis
- □ Promote and conduct information sessions on woman's issues for high school students
- □ Assisting "Investing in Children" in coordinating & promoting "Kid's First Day" or "The Youth Leadership Conference"
- □ Outreach with information and referrals to multicultural women
- □ Help family members in a London Housing project to use computers for resumés, homework, a youth newsletter, and other uses
- □ Speaker's Bureau Assistant or Fundraising Assistant for Hope's Garden (not for profit organization for clients affected by eating disorders)
- □ Assist young offenders to re-integrate with housing, employment, and community services.
- □ Work with a rural development team to survey existing transportation patterns with a view towards improving rural residents' access to needed services/opportunities.
- □ Form a conversation club in a housing project to help adults practice English and share experiences.
- □ Facilitating programming for people with disabilities

Additional suggestions:

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7. List and briefly describe in order of importance to you three areas of interest for a community placement.

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8. Do you have any other comments concerning your situation, standpoint, qualifications, etc.?

9. In your placement, you will be a representative of Brescia in the community. Please indicate the names, positions, phone numbers, work address and email addresses of TWO references whom we may contact. These persons should be familiar with your character and/or your experience relevant to the Community Development Program.

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2. _____

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I agree that the information written on this form is true and correct and hereby authorize the Brescia Registrar's Office to release my academic record to the selection committee of the Community Development Program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit completed application forms **NO LATER** than **APRIL 15TH** to:

Community Development Program
c/o Registrar's Office, Brescia University College
1285 Western Road
London, Ontario
Canada N6G 1H2

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