

PEACEST 3P03

Practicum I: Practical Peace Building

FAQ Sheet

1) What is it?

This practicum is an exploration of service, entrepreneurship, and other modes of engagement with practical peace building through workplace experience. It is a student-initiated, voluntary placement, for one day per week under supervised practice over one term.

2) How many hours are required per week?

The practicum is 130 hours over one term. You could divide that up over 13 weeks and work 10 hours per week, or you can arrange another schedule with your workplace supervisor. The work and assignments **MUST** be completed during the approved term. This is very important because there are WSIB implications, and you are only covered during the approved period.

3) Can I take PEACEST 3P03 more than once?

There is a possibility to repeat the course.

4) What placements are available?

Placement availability differs term to term; it is based on the availability of positions within the organizations. Past organizational placements have included:

- Culture of Peace Hamilton (CoPH)
- Gandhi Peace Festival
- Government of Ontario
- Grandmothers of Steel
- Illuminence
- OPIRG
- War Child Canada

5) Can I initiate my own placement with an organization not included in the above list?

Certainly! Please email your placement request and the details of the placement (including organization name and host contact information) to peacestudies@mcmaster.ca with a CC to Dr. Nancy Doubleday doublen@mcmaster.ca. Your request will be reviewed for approval.

We will also consider credit for previous paid or unpaid work experience, subject to discretion of the Director.

6) What steps do I need to take to enroll?

First, review our website to determine if there are any placements available in the term in which you are interested: <http://peacestudies.humanities.mcmaster.ca/practicum-placements/>

If you wish to be considered for a listed placement, or if you are initiating your own placement, please email a short resume or CV (*and indicate in the subject line which position you are applying for*) to:

Anita Blaney
Office of Interdisciplinary Studies, McMaster University
peacestudies@mcmaster.ca

If you are approved for a placement, you will be given a set of forms that you will need to fill out along with your placement supervisor. Once we receive the completed forms, a permission waiver will be granted to you so you can enroll in PEACEST 3P03 for the selected term in Mosaic.