

## High School Co-operative Education Placement Description

Department/Program:	Surgery - Ophthalmology		Location	SJHH King Campus
Manager	Carling Provost		Placement Supervisor	Sharan Bains Jade Humphrey / Joanne Verboom Dr. Enitan Sogbesan
Hours for Fall/Winter placement	AM or PM		Dress code	Professional Image Standard
Department/Program Description				
The ophthalmology department at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton- King Campus sees approximately 500 patients per day for various eye disorders. A placement in this department will allow a co-op student to be exposed to various occupations/professions in preparation for future careers. You will spend approximately 15 hours per week (Fall/Winter Co-op) or 6-8hrs/day (Summer Co-op) shadowing medical secretary to develop and refine the basic skills required to maintain a medical office.				
Duties & Responsibilities		Learning Opportunities		
<ul> <li>Assist with patient care doing duties that may Labelling Charts, forms, and referrals for health records.</li> <li>Receiving and date stamping referrals, and inputting referral information onto spreadsheets.</li> <li>Compilation of eye awareness pamphlets for patients.</li> <li>Compilation of surgical packages.</li> <li>Faxing appointment information to referring doctors (optometrists/family doctors).</li> <li>Mailing appointments and surgical packages to patients.</li> <li>Assistance in filling out forms for patients unable to see clearly.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Develop and refine the basic skills required to maintain a medical office.</li> <li>Develop effective communication skills with patients, families and other health care providers.</li> <li>Develop the ability to stay calm and work in a busy/stressful environment.</li> <li>Conduct information interviews where you will be able to ask questions related to the role or field (eg. Relating to the education required, typical work hours, work/life balance etc.</li> <li>Meet other staff with in the area and learn their roles in the ophthalmology department.</li> <li>Exposure to various equipment and eye examination methods and have an opportunity to learn how to run different tests.</li> </ul>		
Desired Skills		Working Conditions		
<ul> <li>Ability to maintain composure in a busy/stressful environment</li> <li>Excellent attention to detail and observational skills</li> <li>Comfortable with extended standing and walking</li> <li>Good hearing and visual acuity</li> <li>Maturity to recognize patients' privacy and to provide support for patients, families and visitors</li> <li>Ability to follow directions and the health and safety rules and regulations</li> <li>Should be punctual with the work shifts</li> <li>Can work in a team</li> <li>Knowledge of any other language apart from English will be an additional benefit</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Fast paced medical outpatient environment</li> <li>ability to sit and/or stand for long periods of work</li> </ul>		
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