

# FAQ FOR PRACTICUM COURSES

## Early Childhood Development & Family Studies

**Q1. Would I need to complete any pre-practicum documents before I register for all the practicum courses?**

**YES!** You will need to submit the documents listed below to your UWIOC Site before you register for practicum one (1):

- A recent Police Certificate of Good Character (**Not more than six months old**).
- A completed UWIOC Health Assessment form, signed by a registered physician. (**You may have to update your immunization shots**). (**This form is completed once for the 4 practicum courses**)
- A completed 'In Case of Emergency Form'. (**This form is continually updated by the student for each practicum course if there has been any change in their personal data**).
- **N.B:** The UWIOC Health Assessment Form & the 'In Case of Emergency Form' can be downloaded from the B.EdECDFS Programme page on the UWIOC website.
- <http://www.open.uwi.edu/undergraduate/bed-early-childhood-development-and-family-studies>

**Q2. Would I have to take time off from my job to complete all four practicum courses?**

**YES!** Practicum 1, 2 & 3 is for 10 days (per practicum) at a practicum Site. The final practicum will be four (4) weeks. If you do not work in an early childhood centre you will have to apply for time off from your job to complete the 10 day requirement for each practicum and the four weeks placement for the final practicum. However you will be able to choose from the three options listed below in order to complete practicum 1, 2, & 3.

- **OPTION 1**  
Three (3) consecutive days per week.
- **OPTION 2**  
One (1) consecutive week each until the 10 day requirement is complete
- **OPTION 3**  
Two (2) consecutive weeks

## Options for the completion of the final practicum

- **OPTION 1**  
Two (2) consecutive weeks until the four (4) weeks requirement have been completed.
- **OPTION 2**  
Four (4) consecutive weeks

**Q3. If I do not work at an early childhood center will I be placed at a practicum Site to complete the practicum courses?**

**YES!** You will be placed at a practicum Site by UWIOC. **You have to indicate to the Program Manager on acceptance into the program in Semester 1 that you need to be placed at a practicum Site in your country.** Communication with the Program Manager can take place via your UWIOC Site.

**Q4. Would I have to complete online activities in all the Practicum courses?**

**YES!** The practicum courses are blended; you will have online activities and Units to complete while you engage in each practical experience at the practicum Site.

**Q5. Can I obtain exemption from any of the practicum courses?**

**YES!** To be exempted from Practicum 1, you should have successfully completed the following programs:

- UWIOC Pre-University ECCE Certificate Internship Program
- SERVOL ECCE Internship Program

Additional FAQ's about the Early Childhood Development & Family Studies Program is located on the UWIOC Website.

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/uwiopen/early-childhood-development-and-family-studies>

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