

Volunteer Opportunities Program Evaluation and Research Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services

The Program Evaluation and Research (PER) Team offers a range of part-time and full-time volunteer opportunities, and we try to tailor volunteer experiences to the levels of education, training, and interests of the student. Most PER volunteers are in the process of finishing (or have already finished) undergraduate degrees in related fields like psychology, psychiatry, criminology, and sociology. We have also supervised masters and doctoral students, medical students, students working on research practicums, and students who have gone into the fields of law or law enforcement.

Some research projects involve labour-intensive training, feedback, and performance checks. Often this requires volunteers to review training materials (e.g., videotapes, clinical files), and eventually apply standard behavioural rating instruments to clinical cases. Because these projects require considerable PER resources and time to train volunteers, we generally require a minimum 6-month, 1-2 day per week commitment (i.e., 7-14 hours per week) for these projects.

All potential volunteers will:

- be interviewed;
- undergo criminal record checks; and
- provide names of appropriate referees so we can do reference checks.

All relevant experience, education, and coursework will be considered. If you are interested in volunteering for PER, please send us your:

- resume or Curriculum Vitae; and
- academic record/grades. Preference will be given to students with GPAs of 3.0 or higher.

This information should be sent to Dr. James Hemphill, Team Leader, PER, via e-mail (Jim.Hemphill@gov.bc.ca) or mail:

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