SRM:4197:0015 Kids on Course
Fall 2020 Guided Field Experience
Tuesdays / 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

About this Practicum in Sport and Recreation Management

University of Iowa students in the Kids on Course practicum get the opportunity to engage in strategic consulting projects and interactive enrichment events with Cedar Rapids youth through a semester-long, three-credit hour class.

Practicum participants will design and organize positive, activity-based experiences for the Kids on Course students during select Tuesday class-time meetings in Iowa City and/or Cedar Rapids. In addition to the event planning component, students will conduct research in small teams throughout the term and present recommendations to Kids on Course staff. An interest in studying topics that support the growth of Kids on Course programming and development of the initiative’s participants through effective student-centered program administration is desired.

About Kids on Course

Kids on Course, a program that operates in coordination with the Cedar Rapids Community School District, is funded by the Zach Johnson Foundation. A primary goal of the nonprofit organization is to support Cedar Rapids youth in pursuing paths toward post-secondary education.

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Course Details

The class meets weekly, and student teams are expected to plan additional work times to advance small group projects. Individuals should express formal interest in the practicum—as outlined below—by March 27, 2020, and those selected will be notified by email to register for SRM:4197:0015. A related course fee of approximately $100 will be applied to one’s U-Bill.

Application Process

Energetic, organized college students from any major who are eager to explore concepts related to the operations of a non-profit entity and could serve as role models to help youth establish a comfort level with a college campus and its programs have the potential to contribute to the Kids on Course practicum. In particular, aspiring sports coaches, interscholastic activities administrators, K-12 teachers, event planners, and recreation program facilitators are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Similar to the job-seeking process, University of Iowa students are required to apply for a spot with both a cover letter and résumé due to limited class size. Application materials should address:

- motivation for taking the course
- relevant academic projects and co-curricular experiences
- qualities that will contribute to individual and group success

A student’s GPA, coursework, and other pertinent background information—including one’s university behavioral and misconduct record—may be reviewed as part of screening and selection. Students who are 1) in pursuit of, eligible for, or already possess a Coaching Authorization; 2) taking classes toward the university’s AD Certificate; or 3) enrolled in teacher education should highlight their preparation for these career paths.

Instructor Information

Kara Kehe, Lecturer in Sport and Recreation Management (SRM), is the instructor for the Kids on Course practicum. Within SRM, Kara teaches two foundation courses, leads the online Ethics in Sport class, and helps coordinate the Coaching Authorization program. Email questions to Kara at kara-kehe@uiowa.edu.

For the inaugural SRM collaboration with Kids on Course, students talented in communications, operations, and programming began meeting in January 2019 to prepare for spring campus visits by 7th graders from Cedar Rapids.