Project title: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Applied Research Practicum

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Location of the Placement: Evidence-Based Education and Services Team (E-BEST)
HWDSB Education Centre
20 Education Court
Hamilton, ON L9A 0B9

Please note: The HWDSB Education Centre is the “home base” for the practicum, but students will spend time in other locations (schools, other school district offices)

Special Requirements:
- Experience/interest in working with children
- While it is possible to participate in the practicum relying on local transit and shared rides, it is recommended that only students who have access to a vehicle sign up for this practicum, as you will be asked to visit schools and staff development offices across the Hamilton-Wentworth area. You will be compensated for mileage.

Number of Students: 4

Description of the Placement:

The E-BEST Applied Research Practicum is designed to:
- offer undergraduate students the opportunity to work in an applied research setting
- expand the student’s knowledge of various research and program evaluation procedures
- introduce the student to new research-related skills, practices, and experiences

As such, students will be involved in several different projects over the course of the year, participating in one or more stages of the research cycle each time.

Applied Research Practicum Students will:
- attend regular meetings and participate in group discussions
- attend special training sessions (e.g., focus group facilitation skills, introduction to statistical software, data collection with students, literature review techniques)
- complete regular assignments (e.g., conduct reading tests with young students, create and implement and on-line survey for middle school students, data entry)
- submit a summary paper, as required by the Department of Psychology

Throughout the course, E-BEST will offer a number of opportunities related to ongoing initiatives within the school board. Students are encouraged to take advantage of as many of these as possible for a rich experience and deeper learning.