

Forest Explorers Outdoor Early Learning & Care Centre Research Assistant

Bachelor of Early Learning & Community Development Student Placement

Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) is seeking a summer student for our Forest Explorers placement opportunity. In this 15-week placement the student will support advocacy and thought-leadership initiatives for the promotion of outdoor play in the early years in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Outdoor Play (CCOP) collaborative – Outdoor Play Canada (OPC), Healthy Active Living and Obesity Research Group (HALO) at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Research Institute, Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS), and Algonquin College.

This is a 15-week paid placement opportunity. 9 weeks of funding is provided through Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ), an initiative to help youth gain job skills and experience. The maximum age requirement for candidates eligible for CSJ funding is 30 years of age; candidates must also be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident. All applicants must be currently enrolled in the third year of the Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development Program at Algonquin College for this placement.

Available from:	May 20 th , 2025 to August 29 th , 2025 (flexible)
Hours:	35 hours per week
Salary:	\$19.20 per hour + 4% vacation pay
Location:	415 Corkstown Rd, Ottawa, ON
Closing date:	April 22 nd , 2025
Apply:	E-mail a copy of your resume to: hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

In this role you will.

- ✓ Co-evaluate the Play Learn and Teach Outside (PLaTO) certificate program at Algonquin College
- ✓ Support the CCOP Fellow in coordinating the National ECE Panel and Community of Practice
- Assist with the implementation of the Forest Explorers Outdoor Gear Library
- ✓ Support the development of outdoor ECE resources and tools
- ✓ Support the planning of Breath of Fresh Air Outdoor Learning Summit
- ✓ Carry-out other duties as requested

To qualify for this role you have ..

- ✓ Registered in 3rd year of the Algonquin, Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development program
- ✓ Clear Police Record Check (Vulnerable sector) completed in the last 6 months
- ✓ Current Standard First Aid and CPR certification (cannot be expiring before September 2025)
- ✓ Good knowledge of the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA)
- Experience working outdoors in an early learning forest & nature program or Forest & Nature School certification achievement (asset)
- ✓ Respectful communication skills, both verbal and written in a professional manner
- ✓ Ability to organize and problem solve as issues arise
- ✓ Effective research & presentation skills
- ✓ Strong written communication skills

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- ✓ Ability to work effectively and independently
- ✓ Strong knowledge of child development & early learning programming
- \checkmark Ability and initiative to work as part of a team
- ✓ Strong computer skills (Outlook, Word, Internet)

We are an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Should the applicant require any accommodations during the application process please notify Human Resources at hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca