Course Outline

**HTH SCI 4TT3 ~ Research Practicum**
September 7, 2017 to April 6, 2018

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We have a course conference on LearnLink under HTH SCI 4TT3 Research Ethics.

**From the Course Calendar:**

“An opportunity through peer tutoring and small group inquiry based learning to explore theory and apply concepts related to research and research ethics.”

**The Fine Print**

This is a three unit course but I do expect that you will participate in both the fall and winter semesters. The reason we offer two sections is help you avoid overloading on your courses. This course does qualify as one of your mentoring courses that you can take in your undergraduate degree for BHSc. If you really like being a mentor, you can come back in the following year and take an independent study course.

**What do we do?**

This is a group directed course. I do expect that you will behave as professionals and mentor your peers in research and research ethics. I do expect that I will provide you with training about research and ethics. To that end, I will provide training sessions in the beginning of each semester. Some of these sessions, I will provide the learning materials. Some of these sessions will come from your ideas.

You do need to complete the Tri-Council Policy Training Session online by October 4th, 2017. You can find the webinar at:

I do expect that you will work as a professional team. You need to get to know each other and respect each other. Maybe go to dinner as a group without me. Over time camaraderie will help get the work done.

I do expect that you will help me form strategies that will work best to foster an inclusive, rigorous cultural that fosters ethical behaviour within the BHSc community and at McMaster University.

Assessment strategies – Since this is a self-directed course, you will negotiate your grade with me. We can negotiate portfolios or self-assessments, but I do expect that you and your peers will make regular and consistent contributions to supporting mentorship and each other.

**Academic Honesty and Research Ethics**

I expect that you will conduct yourself professionally and ethically as role models for the program and university. However, we do make mistakes and errors in judgment. Accepting our humanity and learning to deal well with these problems quickly and effectively will be one of the core areas of focus throughout our time together. It is my hope that you will gain the confidence to think through difficult ethical issues and comfortably make informed decisions.

**Handi-capable Policy**

Let me know as soon as possible if you require accommodations or special consideration. Typically these requests can come through on formal channels, although sometimes, we can work through these issues together.


I hope that we will have a great year together.

Sincerely,

Kristina