

Darin Hovius Student Representative

Term: 2020-2021 (1st term)
Region: Capital

Biography



Darin is a second-year student of Booth University College's After-Degree Social Work program. Darin's desire to pursue a Social Work degree came after several years of support work, coordinating programs and mentoring youth. Darin has a passion for youth, and recognizes the importance of positive and consistent role models in the lives of young people. Social Work has allowed Darin to take all his experience, passions and goals and utilize them in a greater capacity.

The practicum portion of Darin's studies have given him great opportunities to explore wider systems, and the importance of understanding them. From September 2019 to April 2020, Darin completed an 8-month practicum with Employment and Income Assistance. Darin learned skills in case-management, supportive counselling, assessment, resource navigation, policy interpretation and service coordination. Currently he is completing his final practicum with My Health Team, focusing on community mental health in Downtown Point Douglas. He is looking forward to gaining more knowledge around mental health and growing his skills in advocacy, resource navigation and crisis intervention.

Furthering his education has been a positive experience at Booth University College. He has developed relevant knowledge, gained further experience and broadened his skills in the helping profession. His future goals include obtaining a Masters of Social Work and starting a career as a school social worker to bring together his many years of experience working with youth and families.

Darin is looking forward to being involved with the Manitoba College of Social workers as a student representative on the Board of Directors. He wants to participate in the overall mission of the MCSW and support the well-being of Manitoba social workers and the people they serve.