

Community Focused Experiential Education at York University – Going Remote!

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Experiential Education also known as EE provides opportunities for you to explore and experience the content learned in the classroom. Whether in the classroom, out in the community, or at work, York University offers EE opportunities in a wide variety of environments. The COVID 19 pandemic has created innovative opportunities that allow you to engage in community focused EE remotely and you will hear from a student participating in the now remote community focused capstone project.

Community focused EE provides you with the opportunity to connect course material with experiences outside of the classroom and through interactions with partners in the community. Despite the ongoing pandemic, community partners are looking for your help finding solutions to their evolving needs, whether you provide a direct service to their clients virtually or engage in a research or marketing project remotely, you can apply course content while providing meaningful support to a community partner.

Let's hear from Maureen, a student completing a community focused capstone project as she shares challenges and opportunities from her community focused EE going remote.

Maureen Kizito, Student, Business & Society: During the pandemic, my community focused capstone project had to move online. No physical visits to the company, in normal times, I would have visited the company and I would have had some of my placement hours done at the company location. The challenges internet connection, distance and Zoom meeting times were a challenge for group work. Working on a capstone project that's abroad was an opportunity in the pandemic. In normal times, the company had to be in Toronto, it had to have its physical location in Toronto not abroad. Overall, my remote experience in any context has been good. No traffic delays to get to class, everything is done in the comfort of my home, that's my experience so far with going remote at York University 2020.

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