SUMMER 2022 - STUDENT TESTIMONIALS SUPPORTED BY CANADA SUMMER JOBS

"An experience like no other."





"Working at Shekinah has been an experience like nothing else I have ever done. Although I was not here for very long, I felt a strong sense of connection and family from everyone.

Getting to know the Core Members and staff showed me that Shekinah is a community as well as a workplace and a home. Even with all of the challenges that they're facing, Shekinah always manages to keep the health and happiness of the core members at the centre of everything that they do. I'm going to miss working in this fantastic environment and I will never forget the experiences I gained and the people I met."

- Elliot Pierce, Administrative Assistant

"Shekinah changed the way I see the world."





"When I got the recreation position with Shekinah I was a bit nervous, I had no experience working with adults with disabilities. Quickly I learned these amazing people had so many abilities, so much spirit and unique personalities. I learned more than I ever could have imagined. I especially felt proud when I got to know each Core Member and found what made them smile, laugh and what interested each of them. I grew in ways I didn't know possible. It changed how I see the world. The Core Members I worked with taught me new ways of communicating. I learned flexibility and compassion. Overall, as a university summer student, this was by far my most meaningful experience and I truly feel I gained more than I gave. Working at Shekinah was the most rewarding job. Just being able to be there for the Core Members, watching them try new things and loving it, made me feel accomplished. The staff and the Core Members left such an impact on me; I can only hope I was able to impart even a fraction of that in return. The summer flew by, and I am sad to say goodbye to each and every core and staff member I worked with. Thank you Shekinah."

- Tyla Lee, Recreation Planner

"A rewarding job"



"Working at Shekinah this summer has been such a fun experience. I loved how part of my job was to just spend time with Core Members – eating meals with them, playing games, going on walks and just being present. This has been such a rewarding job, getting work experience at something I am passionate about while also becoming very invested in Shekinah's mission, staff and Core Members' lives. Shekinah is such a special community to be a part of, and I am sad to see my time here coming to an end."

-Meghan Denison, Media Coordinator