Background

This placement will provide students with a lifelong learning opportunity and will aid students in achieving the overall learning outcomes so their programme. Students will be under supervision of Special Olympics personnel during their placement however if required students will be able to contact a member of The Department of Nursing & Midwifery, Allocations team at any stage during their placement. The allocation of this week of placement will not compromise student’s ability to attain their competency requirements in the during the 2014/2015 academic year.

During the games the student must:

- Demonstrate a willingness to work with athletes and their families by being prepared to volunteer for the placement
- Demonstrate professional behaviours during placement as advised by An Bord Altranais and University of Limerick Code of Conduct
- Abide by Special Olympics Ireland Code of Ethics and Good Practice.
- Complete the equivalent to one week of specialist placement during Special Olympics Ireland

Learning Opportunities

- Become a member of the team supporting athletes participating in Special Olympics Ireland
- Establish relationships and experience the games with a group of athletes and their coach.
- Appreciate of the importance of sport in the lives of people with an intellectual disability
- Be able to identify and relate to the role of sporting activities in promoting social inclusion for persons with an intellectual disability and their families
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of the ethos of Special Olympics Ireland

After the games:

Upon conclusion of the games students will be required to complete a feedback survey on volunteering experiences and also submit a “Declaration of volunteering at the Special Olympics Ireland Games 2014 as a University of Limerick student (BSc Nursing & Midwifery Programmes)”