

# HONOURS

## Kayla Snow

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### Research Focus

Kayla is completing her honours research under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Vierimaa. Her research focuses on understanding the relationship between participation in organized sport and self-efficacy in childhood cancer survivors. Three semi-structured interviews were completed, an initial interview with the adolescent cancer survivor, followed by two subsequent interviews, one with the parent and another with the adolescent. Kayla's thematic analysis found reoccurring themes of low sport competence, lack of confidence from teammates, as well as ambivalent attitude in sport performance. Themes occurred throughout all three sets of interviews. The findings highlighted the need for a better environment when welcoming childhood cancer survivors into sport as well as the importance of which coach and teammate feedback has on fostering self-efficacy in sport.

### The Researcher

Kayla Snow is a 4<sup>th</sup> year student from Elmsdale, Nova Scotia graduating with a Bachelor of Kinesiology with Honours. Outside of schoolwork, Kayla is an active member of the Acadia community working as a Resident Assistant in Cutten House. Over the past three years Kayla has volunteered with the S.M.I.L.E. program and was the acting vice-president of the Acadia Pre-Health Society. For the past two years she has also worked as a member of the Medical Team for the AUS Basketball Championships. Throughout her time at Acadia Kayla has found her passion of helping others and hopes to one day become a Lawyer, working specifically in Humanitarian Law.

