

MN Practicum Package - Fall 2026, Winter 2027

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MN8905 Practicum Placement

MN8904/5 Practicum and Seminar in Advanced Practice Nursing provides students with an advanced practice experience. Toronto Metropolitan University's proximity to a wide range of health care facilities, community organizations, and professional and government agencies provides students with the opportunity to advance and apply their knowledge and skills in a variety of specialty areas of nursing practice, e.g., clinical, research, education, policy, quality improvement, administration.

The practicum is NOT a work study; students must complete the practicum outside of their place of employment. A minimum of 192 hours (**approximately 2 days per week**) is required over 10 to 12 weeks of the MN8905 semester. The MN8904 Seminar in Professional Nursing Advancement must be taken concurrently with the practicum. During this seminar, students will examine linkages between theory, research, and advanced nursing practice.

Practicum Process

All practicum placement decisions are subject to approval by the MN Placement Coordinator and are based on curriculum requirements, the student's prior experience, interviews, and preceptor capacity and availability. While student preferences are considered, flexibility is required, as specific practicum opportunities cannot be guaranteed.

Based on their education and career interests, students are encouraged to seek out their own preceptor/supervisor with graduate education. If a student does not have a preceptor in mind, they will work with the MN Placement Coordinator to identify and approve a preceptor. **The MN Placement Coordinator approves the practicum and**

preceptor for all students. Once a preceptor has been identified and the Placement Coordinator has approved the placement, the student should contact the preceptor to discuss learning and practicum goals. The MN Placement Coordinator confirms the approved placements in HSPNet (the online placement database). Students cannot confirm their own placements, as the MN Placement Coordinator must ensure there is a placement agreement established between the partner institution and TMU.

To achieve the learning and practicum goals, students are expected to meet weekly with their preceptors throughout the practicum, during the preceptors' working hours. This weekly meeting facilitates discussion about learning needs, expectations, and feedback on student progress, as well as to further promote student socialization into the advanced practice role.

Placement Partner Exceptions

Toronto Metropolitan University has many placement partners and each has their own way of doing things based on the placement agreement between the university and the partner. Here are a few practicums that have special considerations for graduate students:

- **St Michael's Hospital** would like the placement coordinator for the school to approach them. If you are considering doing a practicum at St Michael's, contact the placement coordinator first before approaching anyone. A request will be made on your behalf.
- **Sunnybrook Hospital** has a "Graduate Nursing Student Placement Requests" process and a separate application form on their website.
- **The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)** has a "Graduate Nursing Student Placement Requests" process and a separate application form on their website.

Always check in with the MN Placement Coordinator to confirm if there are any exceptional considerations for your placement partner.

Important Things to Remember

The practicum:

- Must be different from your current position, unit and department; preference is on a distinct campus from the one in which you are employed.
- Must not be an extension of a work project that you are already participating in or leading within your position.

- Must not be a clinical 'internship' where you are responsible for a caseload or 'shadowing' a nurse practitioner or physician for the purposes of developing clinical skills to leverage application to a post-MN NP program.

When looking to identify a preceptor for your placement, explore your network:

- Connect with your colleagues outside of your organization for possible contacts to seek out opportunities for securing a preceptor within their organization
- Connect with your classmates and peers who may be working in different organizations and can facilitate a potential preceptor connection
- Connect with your manager/educator for possible contacts to seek out opportunities for securing a preceptor outside of your organization

Practicum Placement Steps and Important Dates

Required Documents

All required forms can be found on the [Central Placement Office website](#)

Before meeting with the MN Placement Coordinator, prepare and email your:

- Resume/CV draft (.pdf saved as *firstname-lastname-Resume Draft*)
 - Remember to include presentations (professional/work/class), major papers, etc. in APA format.
 - Decide if the potential preceptor will require added details about your employment position responsibilities, particularly if your title and/or role is not well understood.
- Career Vision and Self-Assessment draft (.pdf saved as *firstname-lastname-CareerVision Draft*)
 - Refer to the [MN Resource Repository](#) for an example of a graduate career vision and self-assessment from the Master of Nursing Worksheet. This self-assessment will be used as a guide to assist you in identifying a possible preceptor.

After meeting with the MN Placement Coordinator, submit:

- Practicum Request Form (PRF, submitted through Google Forms; link on [CPO Website](#)), including:
 - Revised Resume/CV (.pdf saved as *firstname-lastname-Resume Final*)

- Revised Career Vision and Self-Assessment (.pdf saved as *firstname-lastname-CareerVision Final*)
- Practice Requirements Record (PRR) to [Synergy Gateway](#)

Placement Steps

STEP 1

Download the most recent version of the Practicum Placement Package from the [Central Placement Office - Graduate Nursing Website](#) on **May 1st/ First day of classes for spring** (Fall practicum) or **September 1st/ First day of classes for fall** (Winter practicum)

Download CV and career vision templates

STEP 2

Visit the [MN Placement YouTube Channel](#). Watch the videos and complete the sections on *It's Your Career: Take Charge! - Opening (1), Introduction (2), Visioning (3) and Assessing (5)*.

STEP 3

You must contact the Placement Coordinator to begin the placement process. Send the Placement Coordinator your CV/Resume and Career Vision and Self-Assessment before **May 29** (Fall practicum) or **September 29** (Winter practicum). Save the files as *firstname-lastname-Resume Draft* and *firstname-lastname-CareerVision Draft*.

STEP 4

Meet with the Placement Coordinator before **June 5** (Fall practicum) or **October 5** (Winter practicum). At this meeting you will discuss the suitability of your potential preceptor and/or practicum opportunities based on your career goals and the types of placements available.

STEP 5

Students may be required to attend an interview with the potential preceptor including other professional practice staff at the organization. In some organizations, this can be a competitive process as graduate students from other schools are also seeking out these opportunities.

The outcome of the interview should be communicated by the student to the MN Placement Coordinator.

The MN Placement Coordinator approves the practicum placement.

STEP 6

After meeting with the Placement Coordinator, submit the Practicum Request Form (PRF; Google form linked on [CPO Website](#)) by **June 15** (Fall placements) or **October 15** (Winter placements)*. This includes your revised CV/Resume and the Career Vision and Self-Assessment document. Save the files as *firstname-lastname-CareerVision Final* and *firstname-lastname-Resume Final*.

Once you complete the PRF, the Placement Coordinator will process your request with the receiving agency contact to secure your practicum within the organization.

Requests are put into the [Health Sciences Placement Network \(HSPnet\)](#), which is an online database.

***June 15** (Fall placements) or **October 15** (Winter placements) are the **provincial deadlines** for all practicum requests to be submitted. After this date, requests may not be looked at by the receiving agencies. Affiliation agreements may also need to be initiated as the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing may not have an existing partnership and these are a lengthy process with General Counsel within Toronto Metropolitan University.

STEP 7

You will be given access to [HSPnet](#) with a temporary password by the Central Placement Office, through an email sent to your Toronto Metropolitan University email account. After initially logging on, you will be prompted to change your password. Under the Consent tab, consent to release both your email address and phone number to Site Contacts.

STEP 8

Initiate completion of the [Practice Requirements Record \(PRR\)](#) once available, which demonstrates that you meet the specific health and safety needs of placement partners (i.e. vaccines, CPR etc). Communication on the PRRs will be released in Summer (Fall placements) or Fall (Winter placements) from the CPO. This information will be sent to your Toronto Metropolitan University email account.

STEP 9

Check [HSPnet](#) regularly for important information. Almost all of the large hospitals are on HSPnet and post important onboarding information there, such as registration and orientation information, which needs to be processed prior to initiating practicum.

Additional forms and/or certificates specific to each organization may need to either be presented or completed. Examples of this may be: AODA, IPAC, WHMIS, Violence and Harassment in the Workplace, and Worker Health and Safety Awareness. It is the students' responsibility to access these modules as directed by the placement organization and submit proof of completion to the **MN Placement Coordinator** for verification. The Placement Coordinator will communicate with the Receiving Agency to confirm that all pre-practicum requirements have been met. Failure to complete these may jeopardize the practicum for the term.

STEP 10

Before the semester begins, email your preceptor to re-confirm the practicum. Collaborate to determine the start date of the practicum and the practicum schedule. Be sure to avoid the scheduled MN8904 seminar day. The student practicum orientation may begin prior to the first day of seminar, however, the practicum cannot start before the first week of the semester. See the [YSGPS Calendar](#) for timing of the first week of the semester.