

## Fit-Testing

As part of the pre-requisites for clinical placements, MScPT (course based) students are required to be fit-tested for the N-95 mask before their first placement. The fees charged for this are the responsibility of the student. Students presently enrolled in the MScPT (course based) program who have not been fit tested will be required to fulfill this prerequisite.

There are several components to the fit-testing process as follows:

1. Health Screening Questionnaire – The *Respirator Wearers Health Screening Questionnaire for Health Care Workers* must be completed by all students being fit-tested. This questionnaire will be provided to students at the time of fit-testing.
2. Education and Training – will be provided to each student on the care, use, and disposal of the respirators. Before clinical placement, students will be shown a video from Capital Health entitled *Infection Prevention and Control* which will provide information on procedures to follow to prevent exposure to infectious agents.
3. Fit-testing – Students will be fit-tested to the most common models of respirators used across the Alberta Regional Health Authorities. Fit-testing can take up to 30 minutes.
4. Proof of Fit-Testing – students will be issued a certificate showing that they have been appropriately fit-tested and trained in respirator use and disposal. The certificate will indicate the model of respirator that must be used and it will be the students' responsibility to show this certificate when they first show up for their placement. A student can be refused placement, in some cases, if they are not fit-tested.
5. Quality Assurance – of the entire fit-testing process will be provided by the Office of Environmental Health & Safety, University of Alberta.

A block of time will be scheduled for the students to be fit-tested.

If you can not be fit for an N95 mask you **should not** attend to patients with expected or diagnosed airborne respiratory infections (such as TB, measles, chicken pox). It is your responsibility to speak with the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and your Clinical Instructor about this prior to seeing clients.

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