

Placement Allocation

The goals of the department are to provide the students with placements that will ensure they:

- meet the clinical requirements for graduation
- experience a broad range of physiotherapy areas of practice and settings
- have the opportunity to obtain the clinical competencies that will enable them to provide efficacious, cost-effective physical therapy to the people of Alberta and Canada

Placements are limited and subject to availability.

Students will use a web-based clinical placement system, HSPnet, to make 10 choices per placement cycle. All placement offers are entered onto the database which allows students to go on-line and select their top ten choices for each placement (in sequential order). Once the placement system deadline has passed (as set up by the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education) a random allocation computer matching program is run. Students will be informed of their allocated placement approximately one week after this.

Students may not choose more than two offers from any one site during each placement allocation round, this is in order to give a fair chance to each student of being placed at any one facility.

In line with University of Alberta regulations, students may not repeat courses. As such students may not complete two of the same clinical placements. I.E you may not do two adult stroke placements but you may do adult neuro and paed neuro, or adult stroke and adult spinal cord injury. You may not do two pure private practice placements but you may do an Independent /Lifemark clinic and a CBI clinic or a pure private and an occupational rehab placement.

Placements **may not be arranged by the student**. It may be necessary for a student(s) to defer a placement(s) due to lack of placement availability. If it is decided that a placement is to be deferred it is your responsibility to contact the Academic Assistant to withdraw from the clinical course.