

Guidelines for Student Placements The Hospital for Sick Children

The following are guidelines that students and faculty need to follow in order to request a placement at the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

Applications:

- Application forms can be found on the SickKids website at the following address: <http://www.sickkids.ca/Nursing/Education-and-learning>
- Applications must be filled out by **all** students who request placement. This will assist us in ensuring that students' learning needs are being appropriately met.
- Applications are to be e-mailed to the Centre for Nursing before the application deadlines
- Please refer the **Nursing Student Placement Deadlines** document as placement request are expected 4 months in advance of the start of the clinical experience
- All communications **must** occur between the school's placement coordinator, and the Centre for Nursing. This will minimize miscommunication between the school and the hospital.
- Once clinical placements are determined, SickKids will contact the school's placement co-ordinators. Students will be contacted by their placement coordinator and informed if their request has been accepted.
- Students **should not be contacting** SickKids for confirmation of placement request.
- Prior to final acceptance of the student application, students will be asked to contact the Advance Nursing Practice Educators from the individual programs to arrange an information interview. The purpose of this interview is to ensure that the students' learning needs can be appropriately met in the selected clinical area.

Eligibility for Student Placement:

The Hospital for Sick Children is a tertiary/quaternary paediatric facility. As such we have outlined minimum expectations for our different placement areas. Please see **Nursing Student Placement Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills** document and **Nursing Student Experiences at SickKids** document for more details.

Please note that due to our patient population and acuity, we **ONLY** accept requests for **3rd and 4th** year placements.

Collaboration

In order to ensure that nursing students receive the best experience possible we ask for the following:

- Current syllabus on the clinical course and the nursing program in general. This information helps us to understand the needs of students coming for placement.
- We encourage schools to make us aware of upcoming trends that affect their placement requests.
- A current SickKids Affiliation Agreement needs to be in place with The Hospital for Sick Children prior to any student placement. Please contact the Centre for Nursing to ensure there is an affiliation agreement.

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