



Rankin SON Policy on the Assignment of Clinical Placements

Classification:	Student Policy
Responsible Authority:	Clinical Placement Educator
Executive Sponsor:	Associate Director, Rankin School of Nursing
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PURPOSE

Clinical practica are an essential component of baccalaureate education for nursing. Completing all assigned practica is essential for progression. The Rankin SON provides students the opportunity to learn in various clinical sites. Transportation beyond Antigonish is required for practica. Transportation to and from practice sites and accommodations are the responsibility of the student. The SON Placement Coordinator contacts agencies through HSPnet to request student placements according to guidelines set out by external agencies.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students follow the appropriate SON guidelines for clinical placements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all nursing students, and clinical instructors (full-time, part-time, and contract), the Clinical placement Educator.

DEFINITIONS

This includes an explanation of terms and abbreviations used within the policy and procedure.

Word/Term	Definition
SON	School of Nursing
HSPnet	Health Science Placement Network (a Canada wide placement network that governs all clinical placements)
AA	Academic Administrative Assistant

POLICY

All clinical placements are to be determined by the Clinical Placement Educator. All students are expected to adhere to this policy.

PROCEDURE

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
1 Students are required to submit all necessary documentation as per the assigned due date.	Student
2 Students will submit their signed HSPnet Confidentiality Form.	Student AA
3 Students will complete any and all additional documents as requested by the Placement Educator, as per specific agency requirements.	Student Placement Educator
4 Students will not be assigned a clinical placement until all documents are submitted to the SON.	
5. Students will not contact agencies to arrange their clinical placements.	Student
6. Students will not be permitted to participate in student practice in areas/units where they are currently employed.	

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix 1 HSPnet Confidentiality Form

RELATED POLICIES

[National HSPnet Policy](#)
Rankin SON Policy on Electronic Student Files

RELATED MATERIALS

[StFX University Academic Calendar](#)