

Becoming a Preceptor or Clinical Placement Site for McMaster PT Students

The MSc (PT) Program strives to prepare physiotherapists to be caring and reflective practitioners who are clinical scholars with the ability to provide client-centered, effective and efficient health care, to critically evaluate the scientific basis of practice, to adapt to and initiate change, to collaborate within interprofessional teams, and to become life long learners.

Facilities

Prior to taking students for clinical placements, every clinical facility is required to complete a Site Profile. The Site Profile provides information on physical environment, type of clinical experience, staffing and numbers of students that may be accommodated by your facility. The information is required for site approval by the university, by students as they request their placement facilities, and for accreditation purposes.

Also, it is a requirement of McMaster University to have agreements in place with every placement facility, outlining the legal responsibilities of the University and the site. This process will be initiated by the Clinical Education Administrative Assistant prior to the facility taking their first PT student.

Preceptors

In order to provide excellent clinical experiences for our students, we have the following guidelines for physiotherapists that are interested in supervising students for clinical placements:

- Have at least 1 year of clinical practice completed prior to supervising a student for a clinical placement
- Comply with the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario Standards of Professional Practice, especially regarding Clinical Education

Once a physiotherapist has committed to take a student for a clinical placement, specific responsibilities and objectives related to that placement will be outlined prior to the start of the placement.

To request a Site Profile or if you have any questions about becoming a preceptor, please don't hesitate to contact any of the following for assistance:

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