

Northern Studies Stream

The Northern Studies Stream (NSS), a joint initiative between Lakehead and McMaster University, is a unique educational opportunity to explore remote and northern health care issues. As an option available for students in the Physiotherapy Program, the NSS encourages students who have an interest in small community or northern practice to undertake placement opportunities in various Northwestern Ontario health and community settings during Units 2 through 6. Students have the opportunity to complete the academic as well as the clinical proportion of Unit 5 in the north.

The goal of the Northern Studies Stream (NSS) is for students to develop an awareness and appreciation of northern health issues. Clinical opportunities exist in Thunder Bay and in other communities in Northwestern Ontario including Atikokan, Dryden, Fort Frances, Kenora, Manitouwadge, Marathon, Nipigon, Sioux Lookout, Red Lake, Terrace Bay, Thunder Bay and Wawa. There is a commitment for approximately 30 students to participate during the two years of the program. Travel to and from cities where clinical placements are offered and accommodation in Northwestern Ontario will be arranged by the NSS, through funding made available by the Ontario Ministry of Health.

In Unit 1, an NSS information session is offered at McMaster University for all first year students. Students are then randomly assigned to a placement in Northwestern Ontario based on interest.

For more information about clinical opportunities in the North, go to www.normed.ca.