

Clinical Program Profile

The immediate objective of the MScPT (course based) program is to provide students with physical therapy skills that meet the workplace demands of diverse and changing healthcare environments.

The clinical program will provide each student with 31 weeks of full-time experience in six different clinical courses / placements. Each student will successfully complete:

- A half day shadow experience and a one-week, introductory placement (PTHER 517) in the first year
- Five six-week full time placements (PTHER 518, 520, 521, 522, and 523) during the remainder of the program

In the full-time placements each student must complete the following:

- * An acute care placement –This will occur at a large metropolitan hospital in an urban area.
- * A community placement—This is a placement in which care is provided to prepare a patient to return to the community or to keep a patient in the community and prevent an acute care admission (e.g. rehabilitation, a school-based, a homecare, a long term care or health promotion and wellness placement)
- * a private practice or out-patient orthopaedics (hospital-based) or an occupational rehab placement
- * an Alberta Adventure Placement—this will take place outside the greater Edmonton or Calgary metropolitan areas. Check the map on the clinical education website for city boundaries.
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Each student must carry a cumulative caseload of 40% in each of cardiorespiratory and neurological client care as part of the clinical program. Tracking of the cumulative exposure to these areas of practice will be via the Clinical Instructor's approximations provided on the Instructor Recommendation Page.