

**York University – School of Nursing  
Undergraduate Programs**

**Policy**

<b>Title:</b> Requesting Specialty Area Practicum	
<b>UPC Committee Review &amp; Approval Date:</b> April 2023	<b>Executive Committee Date:</b> May 2023
<b>SON Council Decision Date:</b> May 2023	
<b>Effective Date:</b> September 2023	<b>Evaluation Period:</b> every 2 years
<p><b>Rationale and Purpose:</b> A Specialty Area student practicum is one in which a student is placed in a site for their integrated practicum which is beyond the general adult medical/surgical focus of nursing. The opportunity to complete our BScN programs in specialty areas is supported for students who have demonstrated academic and clinical strengths. The following eligibility criteria will assist students in <b>requesting</b> a Specialty Area Practicum.</p> <p><b>NOTE: Examples of specialty areas for integrated practicum include emergency department, critical care, post-anesthetic care unit, pediatrics, labour &amp; delivery, multi-organ transplant.</b></p>	
<p><b>Responsibilities:</b></p> <p><b>Students:</b> Students are responsible for submitting their request for a specialty area practicum in the term prior to their integrated practicum course.</p> <p><b>Nursing practicum coordination office:</b> review the requests for Specialty Area Practicum and ensure that each student meets the requirements for a Specialty Practicum. The NPCO will then attempt to secure Specialty Area practicum placements for each student taking into consideration student geo-preference. If the NPCO is unable to secure Specialty Area Practicum placements for all requests, those Specialty Area Practicums that are secured will be assigned through blind random selection to qualified students that have submitted requests.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student must have successfully completed all the prerequisites for IP.</li> <li>2. Students must have a minimum of:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. B+ average in all Nursing courses and</li> <li>b. B+ in practicum courses.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>NOTE: For students in <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Entry and IEN program</b>, this is calculated upon completion of all courses in term 3. For students in the <b>Collaborative and Direct-Entry</b> program, this calculated upon completion of all courses in term 6.</p>	

3. Students must submit their request for Specialty Area Practicum to the NPCO by the following deadlines:
  - a. Winter term IP – October 15
  - b. Summer term IP – February 15

NOTE: Some agencies may have additional requirements i.e., resume and/or interview, to determine eligibility for a Specialty Area practicum.