

**School of Nursing
Master of Nursing Nurse Practitioner Option**

Agreement to Nurse Practitioner Option Program Requirements

I understand that enrolling as a student in the Master of Nursing Nurse Practitioner Option at Dalhousie University means:

1. I will be expected to be familiar with the licensing requirements in my own province or territory and make my clinical option choice accordingly. For example, not all provinces and territories license adult, paediatric or neonatal nurse practitioners, and in some provinces and territories, Nova Scotia, for example, a competence assessment may be required if a nurse practitioner chooses to change their practice population.
2. I acknowledge that nurse practitioner employment opportunities vary and tend to be concentrated in rural areas and that I am responsible for exploring the potential employment opportunities in the area(s) in which I might wish to practice. For example, I am responsible to talk with potential employers such as program directors, primary health care coordinators, or vice presidents of community health boards, to determine the potential availability of employment in a particular area.
3. I will be expected to come into the nurse practitioner program with knowledge and skills in basic health assessment and having reviewed basic anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, principles of statistics and research methods, and pharmacodynamics/pharmacokinetics. Concepts taught in a baccalaureate program will not be repeated.
4. Prior to beginning studies, I will supply the School of Nursing with the following documentation:
 - Proof of licensure as a registered nurse in the province or territory in which I do my clinical hours as a student
 - Proof of Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Search (CRC/VSS) completed within three (3) months of the commencement of studies
 - Copy of completed Faculty of Health Professions Immunization Record and Mandatory Tuberculosis Skin Test forms
 - Proof of COVID 19 Immunization
 - Proof of current CPR-HCP or BLS-HCP completion
 - Proof of current Mask Fit testing
5. I acknowledge there may be clinical settings in which I may be required to supply additional information and/or updated CRC/VSS proof.
6. I am expected to maintain current immunization and CPR-HCP (or BLS-HCP) certification for the duration of my program.

7. I will be required to use various forms of technology (for example, point of care device), and may be required to seek out assistance with these technologies in a self-directed manner.
8. Course offerings may vary, therefore I am responsible to collaborate with my academic advisor to determine the best sequencing of courses to meet my study plan.
9. I will be required to attend an orientation session when I begin the program.
10. In NURS5740 (last 6 weeks of the term, 50 hrs minimum), NURS5485 (150 hours) , NURS5486 or NURS5487 or NURS5488 (150 hrs minimum per course), and NURS5620 (350 hrs minimum), I will collaborate with the Dalhousie School of Nursing clinical placement coordinator to determine my clinical placement and preceptor. I understand that it is my responsibility to collaborate with the Dalhousie Clinical Coordinator in determining my clinical placements and preceptors several months before the clinical experience will occur. I understand that my clinical placements must be relevant to the population focus of my program. Any requested changes to the established clinical rotation must be approved by the course professor, NP Program and Clinical Coordinators. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the clinical rotation.
11. In NURS5740, for the first seven (7) weeks of the term I will be required to attend weekly labs on site as determined by the course professor.
12. Before beginning clinical experiences, I will be expected to purchase a name tag that identifies me as a Dalhousie University Nurse Practitioner student and I will be expected to wear the name tag while in clinical placements.
13. The majority of my clinical experiences will be preceptored by a nurse practitioner or physician, and it is preferable to have clinical experiences with each of these health care providers during the program. It may be possible to carry out a limited amount of clinical experience hours with preceptors with other specialized areas of expertise that are relevant to NP practice. Such requests are considered on an individual basis, must be approved by the course professor and arranged by the Clinical Coordinator, and will be time-limited.
14. I am responsible for tracking my clinical hours for NURS5740, NURS5485, NURS5486 or NURS5487 or NURS5488, and NURS5620 via electronic method as directed by the course professor and to submit a total of the numbers of different types of patients seen (women's health/newborn/child/adolescent/adult/elder).
15. I am responsible to maintain contact with the course professor regarding the number of clinical hours and any concerns with the clinical experiences in NURS5740, NURS5485, NURS5486 or NURS5487 or NURS5488, and NURS5620.
16. I will be required to complete NURS5620 on a full-time basis until I meet the minimum required clinical hours.
17. I will be required to complete clinical experiences weekdays and weekends during daytime, evening, and possibly night time hours to address patient care needs and minimum required clinical hours.

18. Missed clinical hours must be made up, and the opportunity to make up time for absence(s) will be determined by the course professor and the preceptor, and will be based on total hours missed and resource availability.
19. Clinical placements will include both urban and rural settings and I will be expected to arrange my own accommodation and transportation to travel to my clinical site outside the metro area (ie., Bridgewater, Truro, Cape Breton).
20. Unless pre-approved by the course professor and Clinical Coordinator, I will not be allowed to count more than the specified hours in each course as indicated in the course syllabus toward the 700 clinical hour minimum required for program completion.
21. I will be required to complete observed structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) in person on campus.
22. I will be required to complete examinations when they are scheduled. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the course professor and only when there are unusual and unexpected circumstances.
23. Course examinations may entail the use of an online proctoring service and/or an invigilator if I am a distance student. I will assume responsibility to find the invigilator with no perceived conflicts of interest and provide the contact information for this person to my course professor at least one month in advance of the date of the examination.
24. After my program of study is completed, I will be required to complete examinations to be eligible for a license as a nurse practitioner and I should check the website of the provincial or territorial regulatory body for requirements. It is my responsibility to ensure I have done what is required by my regulatory body to indicate my intention to write the exam. I am responsible for the cost of writing this exam and for preparing to write the exam.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date

Associate Director Graduate Studies Signature

Date