

## Placement Planning for Next Practicum



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This guide applies to AGNP & PMHNP students who are...

- Currently in N755 or N757, and will take N757 or N768 next term
- Currently in N782, and will take N783 next semester
- Up to date with all health & clinical clearance requirements for the upcoming term via CastleBranch

As part of the planning process for your next practicum, you will be asked to complete a *Placement Continuation form* for each of your current placement(s) to indicate if you will continue with the agency and preceptor(s) listed. The form will appear on your **To Do** list in InPlace and is located on your placement's **Details** tab.

Please confirm with your current preceptor(s) before responding.



Students are expected to remain at the same clinical agency attended previously, with their assigned preceptor, whenever possible. All AGNP students require at least one semester at a primary care clinic or other ambulatory setting.

If you are returning from a leave of absence (LOA) or have other extenuating circumstances, please contact your program coordinator for guidance.



**Quick Guides** provide targeted information about a topic. For general documentation, please download the **InPlace Student User Guide**.

#### **Summary of Actions Required**

Confirm availability with your current preceptor(s) for the upcoming term.

Answer the **Placement Continuation** question on each of your current placements (Details tab), then complete the **Placement Planning form** located on your student profile (My Details page).

- If you are continuing with <u>no changes</u>, your placement(s) will be copied to the next course.
   Be sure to stay up-to-date with expiring clearance requirements in CastleBranch.
- If you are continuing but with a different preceptor at the same agency, <u>wait</u> until your placement is copied to the next course, then submit a *Change Request* with your new preceptor information.
- If you have found a new placement, use the Self-Placement Request form on your home page to submit it to the School for processing.





## Complete Placement Continuation form on current placement

Once you have confirmed availability with your current preceptor(s) to continue your placement in the upcoming term, go to the **Details** tab of your current placement(s) to answer this question:

#### **Placement Continuation form**

Are you continuing at this placement for your next practicum?

Comments (optional)

Yes, same site and preceptor(s) listed
 Yes, same site, but different preceptor(s)
 No, not continuing at this placement
 Check the Contacts area (Details tab) before confirming this person.
 You must have a verbal commitment from the new preceptor.
 Select this option if you are not continuing or if you are not sure yet.

Placement Continuation: Are you continuing at this placement for your next practicum? Required!

Select status...

Yes, same site and preceptor(s) listed

Yes, same site, but different preceptor(s)

No, not continuing at this placement

Submit \*Cancel Reset

## What if I have secured placement with a new **department/preceptor** at the <u>same agency</u>?

- 1) Select "Yes, same site, but different preceptor(s)" (only if you've received a verbal commitment from the new preceptor).
- 2) Wait until your placement has been copied, then submit a <u>Change Request</u> to update it with your new preceptor's details.



## Complete the Placement Planning form



Next, go to your student profile (My Details) to complete or update the *Placement Planning form*.

#### Information needed (all students):

- Date of birth
- Current place of employment (name of agency and the department/unit)
- Basic placement preferences (e.g., preferred borough, clinical setting, etc.)
- <u>Placement Planning Poll (shown below)</u>: Use this poll to indicate your <u>status</u> in seeking or finding a placement, aside from what has already been published to your account (or marked as 'continuing') for the upcoming term.

If you are continuing at your current placement with no changes, choose "Other" (no new placements needed).

# Placement Planning Poll For this upcoming term/course, have you secured the commitment of an agency/preceptor who is willing to work with you? Yes − I have found a new placement/preceptor for the upcoming term [Important: submit a Self-Placement Request form] No − I am looking for a placement/preceptor for the upcoming term. Other − My placement was already added to InPlace or is pending further processing. N/A − I am NOT enrolling in this course for the upcoming term.



# Continuing placements are copied to next course

The "Continuation" question on your placement will stay open for ~1-2 weeks to give you and other students time to confirm this with your preceptors. When it closes, all placements marked "continuing" will be copied to the next course.

Do not submit the same placement as a new Self-Placement Request if you marked it "continuing" – wait for it to be copied.

## Placement Continuation form (on your placement's Details tab)

Are you continuing at this placement for your next practicum?

☐ No, not continuing at this placement

☐ Yes, same site and preceptor(s) listed	Staff will copy your placement and preceptor(s) to the next course.
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☐ Yes, same site, but different preceptor(s)	Preceptors will <b>not</b> be copied with the placement. Submit a <u>Change</u> <u>Request</u> on the copied placement with your new preceptor details.

Placement will not be copied. If you later find that you <u>can</u> remain at the agency, submit it as a <u>Self-Placement Request</u> instead.



## Complete additional forms if needed



The Placement Planning form includes a poll to indicate your status in seeking/finding a new placement.

## Follow-up actions to take:

- ☐ Yes I have found a new placement/ preceptor for the upcoming term
- □ No I am looking for a placement/ preceptor for the upcoming term.

If your existing placement is copied without a preceptor and a new preceptor should be added:

Submit your new placement details using the Self-Placement Request form

Complete the rest of the Placement Planning form and continue searching for placement

Submit your new preceptor details using the <u>Change</u> <u>Request form</u> on the new placement.

Students who are seeking a placement should complete all fields in the *Placement Planning form* as early as possible to allow more lead time for your program coordinator and/or school placement staff to share potential leads and opportunities. Placement offerings are limited and based on clinical partnership availability; schedules may include day and/or evening hours on any of the 7 days of the week. The School cannot guarantee that personal scheduling and location preferences will be accommodated. Please continue searching for placement opportunities on your own until suitable arrangements have been found.

#### **Agency Deadlines**

When searching for placement and completing these forms, please be aware that some larger agencies set placement deadlines for each term (see your **Shared Documents** page in InPlace for a list). Unless noted otherwise, other agencies require schools to submit requests ~30 days before the term begins.



## Agency Affiliation Agreements



Each agency (organization or facility) attended for placement requires a valid affiliation agreement with Hunter College, CUNY (i.e., you may not complete additional hours with your preceptor at their privately-owned practice unless it *also* has an affiliation agreement).

## **Agency Lists**

Download an agency agreements list in InPlace from your '**Shared Documents**' page. AGNP and PMHNP students may also download a more targeted list of agencies for their program.

If your requested agency is not listed, **inform your program coordinator as soon as possible** for consideration. New agreements can <u>take several months</u>, especially with larger agencies or those requiring revisions to CUNY's standard agreement. The School is unable to expedite this process.

Agreement Process	Estimated Time to Complete
1. Clinical Agency information is sent by Student/Coordinator.	
2. Affiliation Agreement Request is sent to Hunter Legal.	1 week after received
3. Hunter Legal sends contract to clinical agency.	up to 1 week
4. Clinical agency signs contract and returns it to Hunter Legal.	A few weeks to a few months (longest part of the process)
5. CUNY Legal formally approves the agreement.	4 - 8 weeks
6. Hunter Legal sends the fully executed agreement to School placement staff.	1 - 2 weeks
7. Placement staff enters it into InPlace and notifies the student/program coordinator.	1 - 2 weeks



## Self-Placement Request form

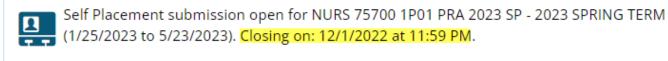
For students who have found a new (or additional) placement/preceptor who has verbally agreed to precept them.

If you responded 'YES' to the poll indicating that you have found a new placement/preceptor who has agreed to work with you, you must submit a request with these details in InPlace. Use the *Self-Placement Request* form located on your home page to submit your new placement for processing.

#### Information needed for form:

- Agency name, address, department/unit, and other information (e.g., website URL)
- A brief description of the placement setting, if not apparent (patient populations, specialty areas).
   AGNP students must spend at least one term in a primary care clinic or other ambulatory setting.
- The full name, credentials, and contact information (email and business or cell phone if preferred) of a preceptor (licensed MD/DO or board-certified NP) who has agreed to work with you.
- The name and contact information (email and business phone) of a legal/clinical contact at the agency who is responsible for approving NP placement requests from schools.

The form will remain open until the closing date noted in the link on your home page. However, **some agency deadlines are much earlier**—see your *Shared Documents* page for a list.



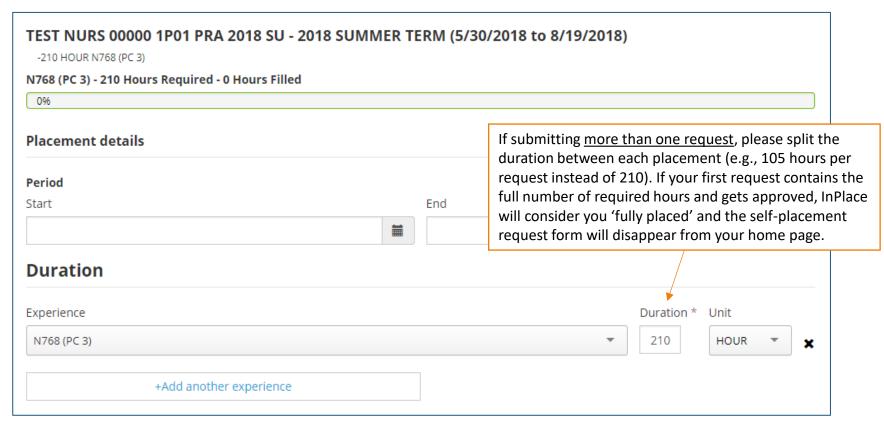




## Filling out the Request form

Use the **term's start and end dates** shown in the course heading for the placement period. The Experience and Duration fields will auto-fill with your course's total required clinical hours. Do not enter Schedule information (you'll log hours as you go when the placement starts).

If you need <u>more than one placement</u>, submit a separate request for each distinct site (e.g., department/unit), even if they are at the same agency. For the **duration**, you can either estimate the hours anticipated at each site or divide the total required hours by two (e.g., 105 at site #1 + 105 at site #2 = 210 hours total).







## How Requests are processed

Data that you submit in the form is compared against our Agency database. The system will try to match what you typed with existing records.

Student Types: "Memorial Sloan Ketterig" (note the typo)

System Finds: "Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC)" 79% match

To make matching more accurate, include as many details as possible in the form. Missing or inaccurate details will delay the processing of your placement and may require you to revise and resubmit your request.

## **Too Vague**

<b>Agency agreement contact details</b> Title
Dr
First name *
K.
Last name *
Jones

## Perfect!

<b>Agency agreement contact details</b> Title
Dr
First name *
Karen
Last name *
Jones





## What happens next?

The form's link will show how many requests you have submitted.



Self Placement submission open for NURS 75500 1P01 PRA 2020 SU - PLA Requests (5/26/2020



#### The school will review your submission(s) to determine:

- If the setting/preceptor is appropriate for the practicum;
- For requests with your employer, if the requested department differs than where you are usually assigned.
- If you meet health/clinical clearance and/or other placement requirements; and
- If the college has a <u>valid affiliation agreement</u> with the requested agency.



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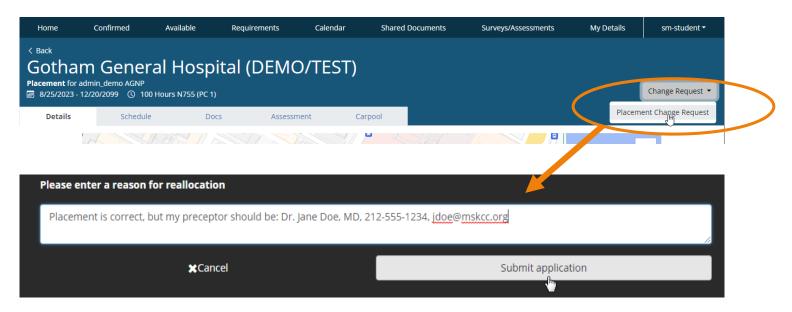
Once approved, the placement will be published to your InPlace account, and the school will send a formal request to the agency on your behalf. The entire process may take several weeks depending on class size, demand, and agency documentation requirements. Be sure to stay up to date on all clinical clearance requirements in CastleBranch.



## Change Requests

For corrections, updates, or unanticipated changes <u>after</u> a placement has been published to your account.

If an upcoming placement needs an update (for example, a change of preceptor at the *same* agency), submit a Change Request using the button near the top-right of the placement's **Details** tab.



### When to submit a Change Request:

If your placement details page does not list a preceptor under the *Contacts* area by your start date.

If your preceptor has changed.

If your preceptor's email address is missing or incorrect (required for evaluations).

If you need to remove a placement entirely (no longer attending).

Once the term has started, if your placement details page does not list your seminar instructor under *Contacts*.



## Examples of Change Requests

Since the Change Request form is just one text box, please be specific in requesting what actions should be made.

## **Change Preceptors (Add one, Remove one)**

"Please remove [Preceptor Name] and add: [New Preceptor Name and Credentials], [Preceptor Email Address], [Preceptor Business Phone or Mobile Phone]."

## **Preceptor's Email Address is Missing or Incorrect**

"The email address for [Preceptor Name] should be [Preceptor Email Address]."

## Add a Preceptor

"I'll be working in the ED next semester with a new preceptor: [Preceptor Name and Credentials], [Email Address], [Business Phone or Mobile Phone]."

## **No Longer Attending Placement Site**

"I will not be attending this site - Please remove it."

\*Important: Inform your Placement Coordinator if you have not already done so. If you are voluntarily withdrawing from a placement site, remember to thank your prospective preceptor for the opportunity.

#### **Add or Change Seminar Instructor**

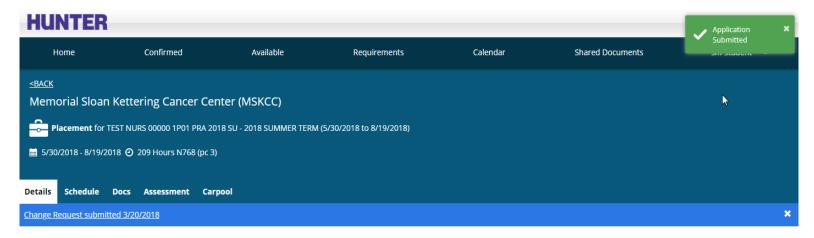
"I have changed seminar sections to Sect. 1S03, Dr. Jones."

If no placement is listed for your practicum, the Change Request form will not be available. Contact the graduate placement office or your program's coordinator for assistance.



## How Change Requests are processed

A confirmation will appear when your request is submitted successfully.



Once processed by placement staff, you'll see a status update on your home page:

Your change request for Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) was Accepted. Message: Preceptor updated, thank you -Tanit Lang

- Pending Request is being reviewed and/or more info may be needed to process
- Accepted The request has been approved/processed (no further action needed)
- **Not Approved** The request was not approved or was closed for another reason (too vague, no action required, submitted on the wrong placement, etc.).