

Information about fieldwork placements in Canada if you are currently studying in another country

Global health knowledge and citizenship is a valuable addition to the curriculum of any occupational therapy student. In order to respond to an increasing number of international fieldwork requests from non-Canadian universities and their respective OT students, our national Committee for Fieldwork Education in OT has established new parameters for placements for international students. Individuals studying at universities outside of Canada, who are interested in a fieldwork placement in Canada, must choose only one city/catchment area of Canada to inquire about a potential placement. The student must then arrange to have their home university fieldwork coordinator contact the Canadian university fieldwork coordinator for the catchment area in which they would like to have the placement*. This contact must occur at least six months prior to the beginning of the placement. That particular Canadian university fieldwork coordinator** will then provide information about the method of application, associated costs, student requirements, and placement availability.

Please see the link for information regarding Canadian university catchment areas and fieldwork coordinator contact information at <https://acotup-acpue.ca/English/board-members>

*Please note that students are not allowed to directly contact any Canadian fieldwork facilities or universities asking about placements This is a strict rule throughout Canada for both Canadian and international students.

**The University of British Columbia, exceptionally is not involved with arranging placements for international students in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. International students seeking placements in British Columbia or the Yukon must have their fieldwork coordinators contact the placement sites directly.

Helpful Tips:

1. Placements for international students within Toronto and surrounding Greater Toronto area are unlikely as these placements are in high demand by Canadian OT students and Canadian students are given priority over international students.
2. Likewise, placement availability during the Canadian summer (Jul-Aug) is unlikely due to high demand and low capacity.