

Nurse Practitioner Program – Placement Algorithm Adult Stream

Students in the Adult program must have completed 500 hours of hands on practicum placements with stable clients, defined by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB) as placement exclusive of ICU, PACU, CCU, and CVICU. Upon completion of 500 hours of practicum time, students may consider placements in these areas.

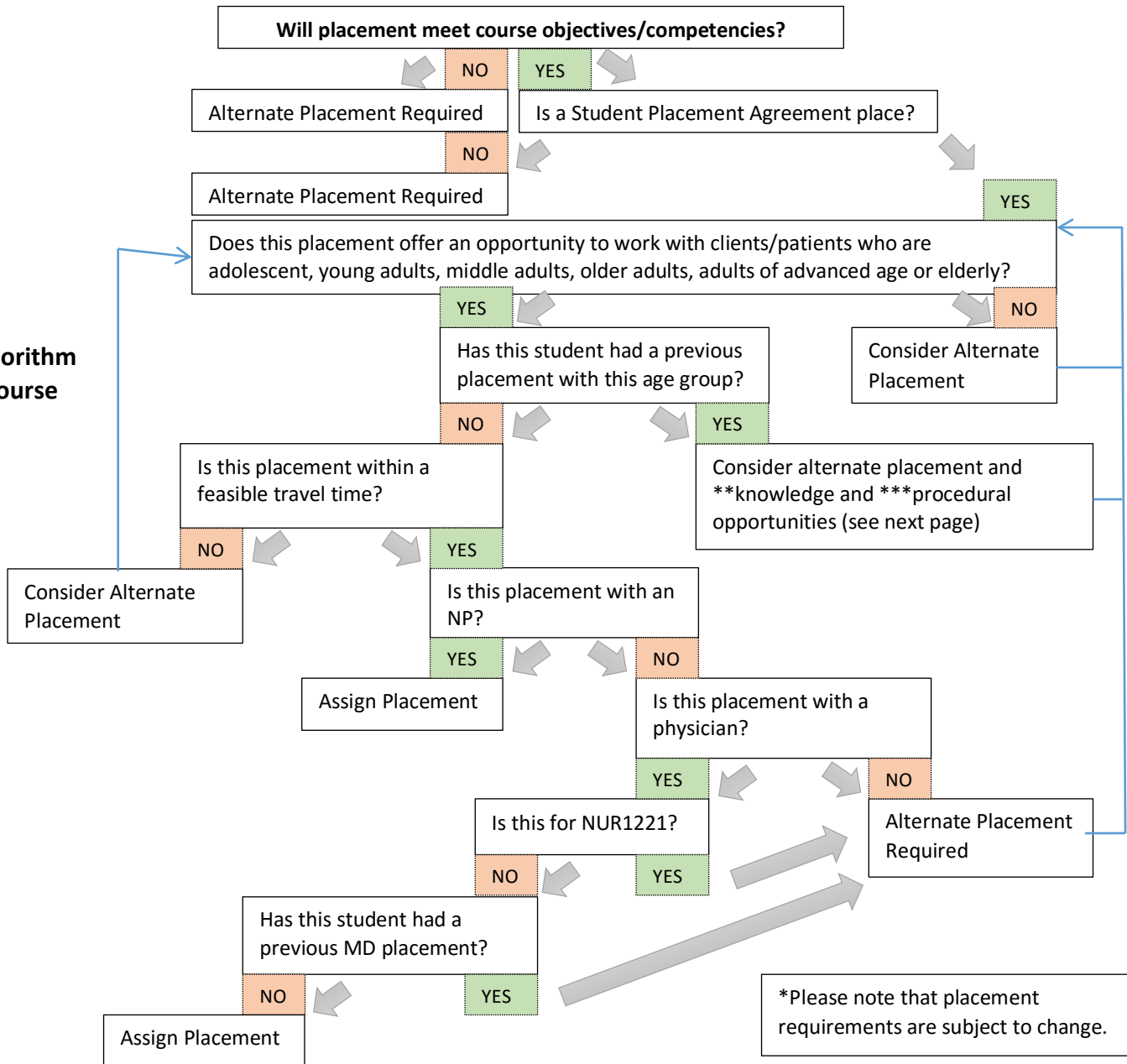
By the end of the program, students should have completed placements focused on the therapeutic management of illness, health promotion, and disease prevention for clients experiencing a range of acute and chronic health conditions (Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators).

*NUR1101 (80 hours + 20 hours)	*NUR1115 (250 hours)	*NUR1215 (250 hours)	*NUR1221 (200 hours)
Placement must provide students with opportunity to assess (take health hx, do PE) and diagnose	Placement must provide student with opportunity to assess, dx, plan, evaluate (ordering, diagnostics/tests, completing admission/discharge note)	Placement must provide student with opportunities to assess, dx, plan, evaluate (including CDS and completing consult/referral note)	Placement must provide opportunity to demonstrate leadership

*Courses indicated must provide practicum experiences that allow for advanced full and focused health assessment, physical examination, diagnostics, pharmacological and non pharmacological therapeutic management. Therefore palliative care, consult services and virtual care should be avoided but can be undertaken during the final practicum

Placement Flow Chart

***Same algorithm for each course**



**** Knowledge Requirements**

- Health promotion, disease prevention, and anticipatory guidance
- Anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology
- Therapeutic communication
- Health history
- Signs and symptoms
- Physical examination
- Diagnostic and therapeutic tests and/or procedures
- Clinical decision-making
- Differential diagnosis
- Pharmacologic therapies
- Polypharmacy
- Non-pharmacologic/ complementary/ alternative therapies
- Bio-psychosocial principles/ theories
- Patient, family, and caregiver education and counseling
- Community resources
- Evidence-informed practice
- Legal and ethical issues
- Ethno-cultural and spiritual competency
- Principles of epidemiology
- Health literacy
- Principles of risk management
- Palliative and end of life care
- Pain management
- Healthcare economics
- Interprofessional practice
- Information management
- Crisis management/ disaster preparedness
- Settings of care
- Comorbidity/multi-morbidity

***** Procedural Considerations**

- Skin lesion removal
- Skin biopsy
- Joint aspirations and injections
- Therapeutic injections
- Wound management
- Surgical debridement
- Incision and drainage
- Foreign body removal
- Nail removal
- Cerumen removal
- Fluorescein dye
- Splinting
- Casting
- Pulmonary function testing and office spirometry
- Pap tests
- In-dwelling contraceptive management
- Long-term hormonal implantation
- Microscopy
- Suturing