

**Dear Prospective MLA Student,**

**Read and complete the form specific to your Health Authority. Email [olhealthscience@tru.ca](mailto:olhealthscience@tru.ca) to confirm clinical placement opportunities in your area.**

1. It is the sole responsibility of the student to determine if the current employment trends in their region meet their personal needs.
2. It is a privilege, not a right, to be accepted for a practicum. It is extra work for a laboratory, and they are under no obligation to train students.
3. Laboratories volunteer to train practicum students to meet their staffing needs or those of their health region.
4. Laboratories may not be able to train students due to their own staffing situation. They may be short staffed or have adequate full-time and casual staffing.
5. Laboratories may have met their needs by another training school and therefore will only train those students.
6. Laboratories may need to change or cancel training due to emerging circumstances - they have the right to do that.
7. Clinical placements are full-time, and the schedule is prepared by the laboratory. No exceptions will be made to the schedule.
8. Students are required to abide by requirements of the Student Placement Agreement/Educational Affiliation Agreement that exists between TRU and the preceptor institution. This may include detailed immunization records, confidentiality agreements or mask fitting.
9. Clinical training takes place once when you have completed all of the theory courses. The practicum is a full-time commitment: MDLB 1721 is 4-8 weeks; MDLB 1991 is 6 weeks. You must be registered in MDLB 1721 or 1991 at the time you begin your training.
10. The entire program, including clinical training, must be completed within two years. It is the student's responsibility to review all of their theory materials prior to the clinical in order to maximize their success.

### **Information for the Laboratory Site**

TRU-OL's program is designed to be beneficial to both the student and prospective employer. TRU-OL recognizes that clinical agencies will only provide training if they have the available space, manpower and need for a practicum student to become a potential employee. Therefore, TRU-OL discourages enrolment in the program if the student is unable to find a suitable clinical placement or if the employment prospects will not meet the student's expectations.

For more information on the program and clinical competencies, email [olhealthscience@tru.ca](mailto:olhealthscience@tru.ca) to request a MLA Preceptor Handbook.

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the following:**

**Student:** I have read and understand the information above (page one). I understand that TRU may release information to the Practicum Supervisor on my progress and performance in the program, including the phlebotomy workshop.

**Supervisor:** I have met with the aforementioned student. Our facility is willing to provide the clinical placement experience and ensure that all required competencies are met, however, I understand that due to future emerging circumstances, I have the right to change or cancel training.

I have been in communication with the Program Coordinator, who is also aware of student requirements indicated in the Student Placement Agreement (SPA), if one exists. The TRU Program Coordinator indicated compliance to the SPA.

**Student Contact Information - All students to complete**

Name & TRU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date of Practicum: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Practicum site: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Students in British Columbia (excluding Life Labs and Valley Medical Laboratories):**

List your preferred practicum site, based on your current address. Practicums are coordinated based on your current address and you must reside within the Health Authority in which you are pursuing the practicum. Practicums are coordinated with Interior Health, Island Health and Northern Health. Practicum sites are not guaranteed and some travel may be required.

**Laboratory Contact Information - All sites outside of BC including Life Labs & VML**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail the completed form to:**

Admissions  
Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning  
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