

HSPnet-SK Newsletter

Clinical Learning and Interprofessional Practice Unit

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Update on Capacity Profiles

Efforts are continuing to build capacity profiles in HSPnet for more Saskatchewan RHA destinations that accept nursing student placements. Profiles now exist for many destinations in Cypress, Kelsey Trail and Prairie North Health Regions. The next health region to undertake this initiative is Sunrise, where work has already begun to collect capacity information for acute care destinations at Yorkton Regional Health Centre.

Having complete and up-to-date capacity profiles facilitates the placement planning process and promotes better alignment between placement requests and available learning opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE: *The 2017 User Group Meeting for all HSPnet users in Saskatchewan will take place on **April 26th** in Regina. More information and registration information to follow in the New Year.*

Quick Reference Guides for Nursing Clinical Placements

Quick Reference Guides for nursing clinical placements were implemented on November 1, 2016 and are posted on the CLIPP website under Clinical Learning (see [Nursing Clinical Placement Guidelines](#)). The purpose of the Guidelines is to promote a common understanding of the clinical placement process and target timelines for nursing, and to clarify roles and responsibilities for the various personnel involved. The Guidelines apply to all Saskatchewan RHAs and to all nursing programs in SK that use HSPnet to coordinate clinical

Upcoming HSPnet Training

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Classroom Sessions:

[January 17 & 18](#) in Regina for Placing and Receiving Coordinators.

Webinars:

January 19: Orientation for Placing Coordinators

January 20: Orientation for Receiving Coordinators

February 16: Get the Most out of your Destination Profile for Receiving and Destination Coordinators

March 7: Orientation for Placing Coordinators

March 8: Orientation for Receiving Coordinators

To register go to the [HSPnet-SK logon page](#).

placements. An updated version of the Guides was posted at the end of November to reflect that SK nurse practitioner programs will now be following the same common release dates as other nursing programs as of January, 2017.

New Programs joining HSPnet-SK

Medical Diagnostics at Saskatchewan Polytechnic is in the process of expanding its use of HSPnet to the following programs:

Medical Lab Technology
Medical Lab Assistant
Medical Radiologic Technology
Cytotechnology

With the Combined Lab & X-Ray Technology program already being tracked in HSPnet, this means that placement information for all five medical diagnostic

programs will now be available in HSPnet-SK. Other programs activated since November 1st include the Continuing Care Aide programs at Northlands, Southeast and Carlton Trail Colleges. Please join me in welcoming these programs and their respective Placing Coordinators to the HSPnet-SK user community!

HSPnet-SK Data Restructuring

Two working groups are being established and will begin in January to review the data structure in HSPnet-SK

as it pertains to sites, services and destinations (SSD). The goal is to propose a provincial standard for how SSD are organized and named to ensure consistency across health regions both now and in future. One working group will focus on SSD that host nursing student placements and another will focus on SSD that host students from medical diagnostics, physiotherapy and other health science programs that use HSPnet. If you would like to be part of either of these working groups, please contact ronda.appell@usask.ca

National and Provincial HSPnet Report Cards

National and Provincial HSPnet Report Cards are provided annually by the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) of British Columbia (owner of HSPnet Canada). Highlights from the 2015-16 fiscal year include:

- As of March 31, 2016 there were 47 active programs (34 nursing) and 356 active user accounts (109 advanced users) in Saskatchewan. [Note that multiple sites of the same program each count as one program.]
- A total of 4,838 requests were recorded in HSPnet-SK (all programs combined).
- There were 3,570 *confirmed placements* representing 8,350 student spaces and 1,078,284 student placement hours. Another 632 placements were declined and 472 were cancelled.
- Help Desk tickets were down 21% for SK users overall, and down 22% for advanced users compared to the year before. Total number of trainees (classroom and phone) was also down 18%.

For questions or more information about either of these reports, please contact Ronda Appell, Provincial Coordinator for HSPnet-SK at ronda.appell@usask.ca