



NLCB Policy on Student Placements-SP01

A Policy Regarding the Supervision of Student Interns by Licensed Chiropractors in NL

Intent

To set forth the requirements for student interns and supervising chiropractors who are participating in a course of chiropractic education which involves a clinical component to be completed in NL under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor in the province of NL.

Description of policy

For the purpose of setting clear guidelines with respect to the completion of clinical requirements during a course of chiropractic education at a Council on Chiropractic Education (Canada) (CCE(C)) accredited Doctor of Chiropractic Program (DCP), the following shall apply:

Eligibility criteria for clinical internship

In order for a **student** of a CCE(C) accredited DCP to be eligible to complete any portion of their clinical requirements in Newfoundland and Labrador they must meet the following requirements prior to commencing a clinical internship. The NLCB may at their sole discretion consider an applicant eligible for participation in a clinical internship program in the event that they:

- have successfully completed the academic portion of the applicant's student chiropractic program at a CCE(C) accredited chiropractic college and have been authorized by their respective program to participate in a clinical internship program in NL;
- are eligible for professional liability protection on terms, including limits of coverage, that are satisfactory to the Board and provide confirmation of this coverage prior to commencement of their internship;
- have completed the necessary application and provided all necessary documentation as requested by the NLCB prior to commencing a clinical internship in NL.

A **licensed chiropractor** may be considered eligible to participate in a supervisory role as a **Clinical Supervisor** for an eligible student intern in the event that they:

- Are currently licensed as a chiropractor without conditions or restrictions in NL and in good standing with the NLCB.
- Have been licensed as a chiropractor in NL for a minimum of 5 years without interruption
- Are a qualified participant in a clinical internship programme of a CCE(C) accredited DCP
- Have provided the NLCB with proof of current liability protection coverage as well as a letter of acknowledgement from their liability protection provider of the supervising chiropractor's participation in the associated clinical internship program and confirming the extension of liability protection to covered acts as provided by the student intern.
- Have completed the necessary application and paid any necessary fees that may be required by the NLCB in connection with this application

Supervision Requirements of Student Interns by Clinical Supervisor

- The supervision or direction of a student participating in the clinical intern program of a CCE(C) Accredited DCP requires that the **Clinical Supervisor** be present on the premises and available for consultation at all times during the student's performance of patient-related activities. The supervision and direction of the student must also comply with the standards espoused by the accredited chiropractic program with regards to the clinical intern agreement.
- The **Clinical Supervisor** shall ensure that the student obtains consent to any examination or treatment that is fully informed, voluntarily given, and related to the patient's condition and circumstances. As part of the informed consent process, the **Clinical Supervisor** shall ensure that each patient clearly understands that they will be receiving examination and/or treatment from a student under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor and shall also ensure that the patient has an opportunity to request not to receive and examination and/or treatment from a student. A patient's refusal to receive any portion of the recommended care from the student intern shall not in and of itself make them ineligible to receive appropriate care by the licensed chiropractor.
- Any record of consent shall indicate that the patient has an understanding of the aforementioned and has consented to receiving examination and treatment from a student, and that the examination or treatment was being provided by a student under the supervision of the licensed chiropractor.

- The **Clinical Supervisor** shall at all times, ensure that the student complies with all legislative requirements, regulations, standard of practice, policies and or guidelines pertaining to the practice of chiropractic in NL.

Restrictions on Care and Acts to be Performed by Student Interns

Although the exposure to relevant clinical experiences is paramount to creating competent graduates of any health-related program of education, the safety of the public must always take precedence over any other objectives including the enhancement of clinical skills and experiential learning. As such, **Student Interns**, regardless of the privileges set forth in any other institutional policies, agreements or standards **shall not** while participating in an internship as approved by the NLCB:

- Manipulate the joints of the human spinal column or its articulations unless they do so under direct supervision of the **Clinical Supervisor** and with the expressed consent of the patient upon each visit.
- Communicate a diagnosis, render a clinical opinion or suggest a plan of treatment unless it is done so in prior consultation with and agreement of the Clinical Supervisor and is consistent with the principles of Evidence Based Care (EBC)
- Provide any form of treatment or advice that is not consistent with the principles of EBC, and/or is not included in the core educational teachings or otherwise authorized by the DCP in which Student Intern is currently enrolled.

Fees

Where an applicant meets the eligibility requirements for temporary licensure, the applicant will be required to pay the following fees

Application Fee.....\$75.00

This policy has an effective date of January 1, 2021. In the event of a conflict between the Chiropractic Act, 2009 or corresponding regulations and this policy, the Chiropractic Act, 2009 and regulations shall prevail.