



Call for Clinical Placement Offers

Thank you to our valued clinical partners for another successful placement year in 2023-2024! Together we provided 243 student placements, 71 clinical laboratory sessions and Teaching Clinics and 117 clinical observations to train your future colleagues! This is a huge accomplishment, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed!

We are excited to begin the planning cycle for the upcoming academic year. Offers may now be submitted for clinical placements and other clinical teaching opportunities for 2024 – 2025 on InPlace, our clinical education management system.

****NEW THIS YEAR****

- If you have submitted SLP placement offers on InPlace in the past, you will be able to save time by editing past offers rather than starting fresh.
- We will be introducing the NEW Canadian Assessment of Clinical Competence tool for Year 1 student placements. Stay tuned for further information about training opportunities.

Placement Offer Timelines

Unit 7 (Jan/Feb) – SLP 1508Y offers as soon as possible or by the end of October

Unit 3 (March/April) – SLP 1500Y offers early November

Unit 9 (Mid-May-Mid-July) – SLP 2500Y offers end of November

Unit 5 – SLP 1500Y offers end of January for summer placements.

Important dates and detailed placement descriptions are below.

Other Clinical Teaching Opportunities

There are also exciting opportunities for speech-language pathologists to participate in other clinical teaching throughout the academic year, including Teaching Clinics, clinical laboratories and guided observations. This is an ideal opportunity for clinicians with one year of experience to begin to build their clinical education skills. It is also a great fit for speech-language pathologists in administrative roles and others who may not be able to offer a clinical placement but want to continue to be involved in educating their future colleagues!

- [Teaching Clinics, Clinical Skills labs and more](#)
- [Guided Observations](#)

Departmental News and Updates

There is always a lot going on in our department. Check out these links to learn more

- [Clinical Education Guide and Handbook](#) – your “go-to” guides for anything placement related
- The Second Annual [MHSc Student Led Department Newsletter](#)
- [The Departmental Website](#) – your source for Departmental news and updates
- [Follow us on LinkedIn](#)
- [The Alumni Newsletter](#) – learn more about what this amazing group is up to!

We are happy to arrange a time to meet with you and/or your site to answer questions about clinical placements and to plan for the coming year. Please do not hesitate to reach out at any time! You may direct your questions relating to placements as follows:

ROLE	INDIVIDUAL	CONTACT INFORMATION
Administration	Kristina L. Smith	slp.clinicalaffairs@utoronto.ca
Units 3 &5 (Year 1 - developmental placements)	Jennifer Wadds	jennifer.wadds@utoronto.ca
Unit 7 (Year 2 - neurogenic and structurally related placements)	Susan J. Wagner	susan.wagner@utoronto.ca
Unit 9 (Year 2 - final placement in any clinical area)	Susan J. Wagner / Lynn Ellwood (Note: Lynn is on leave until January 2025)	susan.wagner@utoronto.ca lynn.ellwood@utoronto.ca

SLP CLINICAL PLACEMENT COURSES & IMPORTANT DATES

PLEASE CONSIDER THE CLINICAL PLACEMENTS IN WHICH YOUR SITE CAN PARTICIPATE...

YEAR I – Class of 2026

Unit 3 or Unit 5: SLP 1500Y – Internship

This is a 40-day clinical placement with a focus on developing foundational clinical competencies. Students will have completed coursework in the areas of **developmental language, articulation/phonology, fluency and audiology** by March and additionally **voice, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) and aural rehabilitation** by July.

Please note that in this clinical placement students are given their first opportunity to practice emerging clinical skills. **Ample time** is needed for **preparation and planning**. As a result, hours expectations for students are lower than in later units.

Format:

Flexible Options!

This clinical placement is 40 days either within or across Unit 3 (March and April) and/or Unit 5 (July and August). Students will have two mandatory full days of Teaching Clinic with the University during the designated time period(s).

We are open to a variety of formats, as follows:

- Full-time placement in March and April with one or two clinical educators
- Part-time placement with 40 days spaced over March, April, July and August.
- Full-time placement with 40 days in July and August
- Have a great idea to suggest? Connect with us to discuss how to make it work!

Course Instructor:

Jennifer Wadds, jennifer.wadds@utoronto.ca

Placement Dates:

Any **eight** weeks between March 3 and May 2, 2025

With one week off for Reading Week unless otherwise designated by the site

AND/OR

Any eight weeks between July 2 – August 29, 2025

YEAR 2 – Class of 2025

Unit 7: SLP 1508Y - Advanced Clinical Laboratory in Speech-Language Pathology (Neurogenic and Structurally Related Disorders)

In this neurogenic and structurally related disorders clinical placement, hours are typically accrued in acquired language, **cognitive communication, neurologically based speech, dysphagia**, and/or **voice/resonance**.

Students will have three mandatory full days of Teaching Clinic with the University during this time period. Students may also need to complete aural rehabilitation/audiology hours as a supplemental placement in this period for up to three days.

Please note that in this placement students are becoming more self-directed in their session planning, though they need support in making a link between academic knowledge and the neurogenic or structurally related disorder areas. Some time is needed for *preparation and planning*.

Course Instructor:

Susan J. Wagner, susan.wagner@utoronto.ca

Placement Dates:

January 6 - February 28, 2025

Unit 9: SLP 2500Y- Advanced Internship

This is the last course completed in the program. Placements can be in any setting with any type of caseload. Please note that in the final four weeks of this placement students are expected to manage 75% of a typical caseload with your support.

Students will have three mandatory full days of Teaching Clinic with the University during this time period. Students may also need to complete aural rehabilitation/audiology hours as a supplemental placement in this period for up to three days.

Course Instructor:

Lynn Ellwood / Susan J. Wagner
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Placement Dates:

May 12 - July 18, 2025

Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!