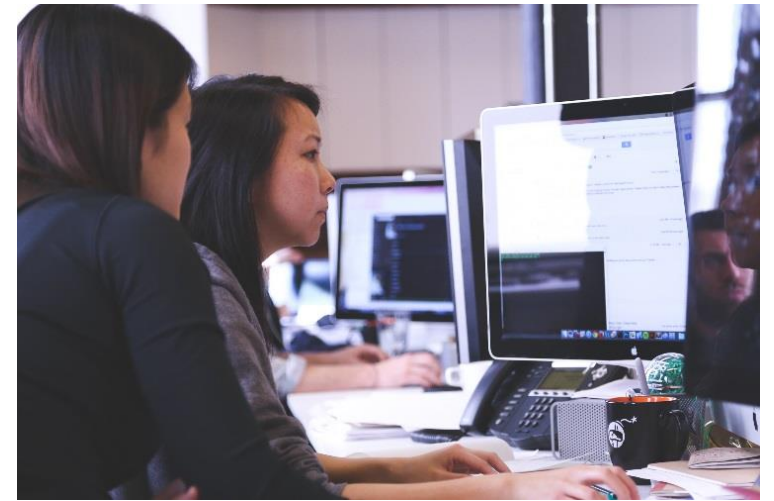


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# MSVU Food and Nutrition Practicum



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# What is the F&N Practicum

There is a growing interest in career areas besides dietetics: food studies (science, security, service, etc.), international nutrition, research, education, and health integration. The Food and Nutrition Practicum combines course work with a one term work experience in a wide variety of these areas.

The Practicum will normally be completed full-time (approx. 35 hours/5 days/week) in a workplace during a Fall or Winter academic term.

Students may be required to relocate for the Practicum and expect little to no financial compensation.

The Practicum fee is the same as a one-unit undergraduate course (NUTR 4500).

International students should contact the MSVU International Student Office for information about the work permit.

Enrollment is limited (based on available placements) and admission is competitive.

The Practicum is not a dietetic internship and students in the IEP are not eligible for the Food and Nutrition Practicum.

*Graduates of this program will gain valuable experience for their future careers.*

# What would I do on a Practicum

The Terms and Conditions of the Food and Nutrition Practicum, signed on admission, detail expectations.

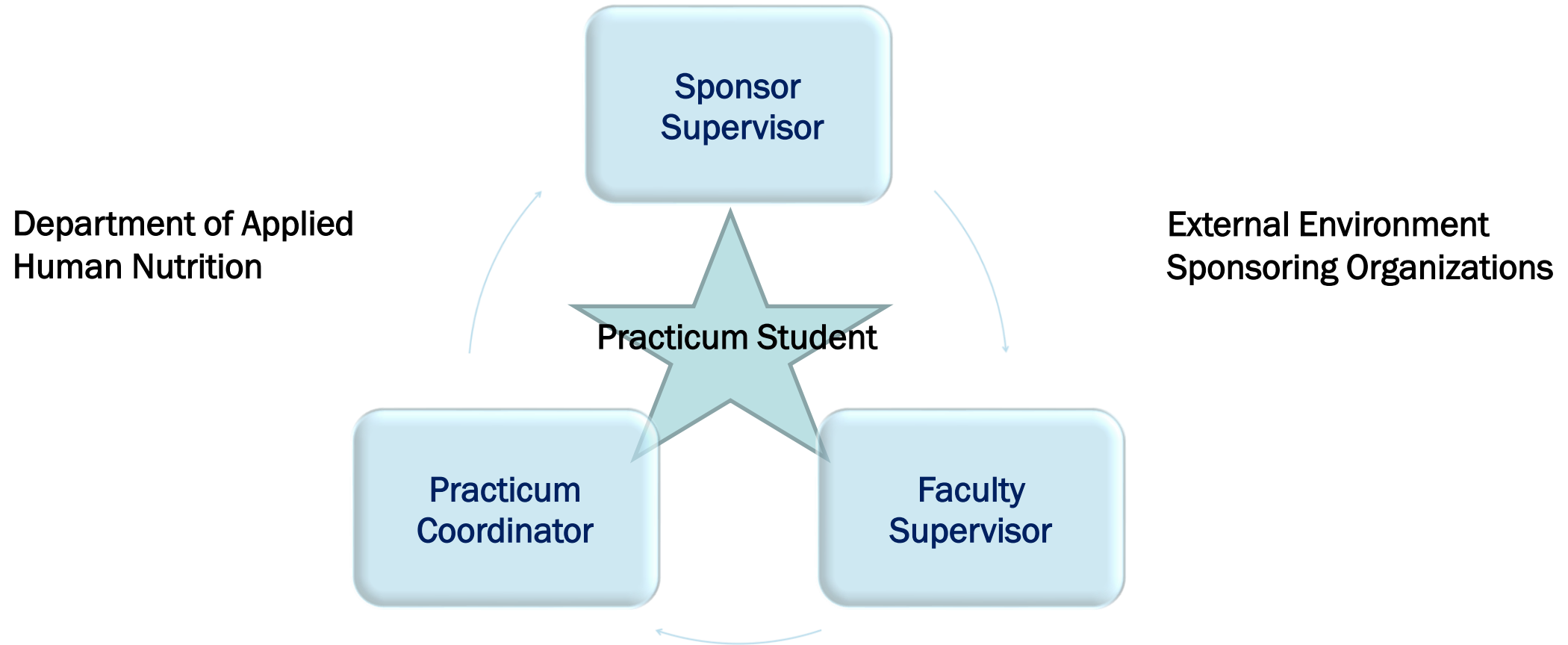
Placements may be at a range of food industry, food service, community service and research facilities. Students should not directly contact potential placements but go through the Practicum Coordinator.

Students will engage in the work of the placement and complete all assignments, learning activities, and reports assigned by the Sponsor Supervisor at the Sponsoring Organization.

Students will also complete a work term report/project by the date(s) communicated in the work term report/project guidelines, by the Faculty Supervisor.



# Organization of Practicum



# Application

The Food and Nutrition Practicum is available to students in the BScAHN, MAHN and MScAHN programs.

See [Applied Human Nutrition Program | Bachelor of Science Degree \(msvu.ca\)](#) or [Graduate Applied Human Nutrition Program | Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada \(msvu.ca\)](#) for Food and Nutrition Application Form

- For BScAHN see [Program Requirements \(msvu.ca\)](#). I understand that to be eligible to start the Practicum, I must have completed 15.0 units and achieved a minimum GPA of 2.7 in 10.0 of the required academic units completed and a grade of at least C- in each of these units. Note: Students may apply in the year they will be completing the 15.0 units. I also understand that to graduate with the BScAHN with Food and Nutrition Practicum, I must fulfil the requirements of the 20.0 unit degree (and overall GPA of 2.7 and a grade of at least C- or more in all course counted for the degree beyond the first 5.0 units taken) plus the completion of NUTR 4500.
  
- For MAHN or MScAHN see [Program Requirements \(msvu.ca\)](#). I understand that to be eligible to start the Practicum, I must have successfully completed 2.0 units. Note: Students may apply in the year they will be completing the 2.0 units. I also understand that to graduate with the MAHN or MScAHN with Food and Nutrition Practicum, I must fulfil the requirements of the 5.0 unit degree plus the completion of NUTR 4500.

***Submit the application form to the Department of Applied Human Nutrition Chair by January 31.***

## Application continued

- I understand that the Practicum is not dietetic internship and that enrollment in the Food and Nutrition Practicum does not mean enrolment in the Internship Education Program.
- I understand this is a limited enrollment program with a competitive selection process.
- I understand that I must be prepared to relocate for my practicum and accept little to no financial compensation.
- I understand that I must adhere to the Food and Nutrition – Terms and Conditions, including those for withdrawal and temporary withdrawal.
- I have attached a current resume.
- I have attached a signed transcript request
- I have attached an original Criminal Record Check including a vulnerable sector search (as applicable)
- I have attached an original copy of completed MSVU Health Screening/Immunization Form (as applicable)
- I have attached Signed Statement of Understanding for use of Criminal Record Check and Health Screening documents (as applicable)
- I have attached a written statement highlighting my work, volunteer, research or extra-curricular experiences, my career goals and how the food and nutrition practicum may support those career goals. (see below; 500 words maximum).**

Student signature

Date Click or tap to enter a date.

# Selection

The Selection Committee (faculty and external members) will review and score applications based on academic transcript, resume and written statement. Faculty may be asked to provide their recommendations.

Final selection numbers will be based on placement availability and may vary year to year. For this new program it is estimated that there will be five practicum placements per year.

Applicants will be advised of their admission to the Food and Nutrition Practicum earlier.





# Placement

Placements will be posted in March

Practicum students will provide the Practicum Coordinator with a list of top three preferred placements and their preferred term for the placement (Fall or Winter).

While all efforts will be made to meet expectations, students must understand that this does not mean they will get one of those placements and that they may need to relocate.

Interviews and additional documentation made be required.



Thank you for inviting us to tell you about our new Food and Nutrition Practicum Program!  
We really appreciate the opportunity.  
Now we welcome your questions and will do our best to provide answers!

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Thank  
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