How to get the most out of your Clinical Placements

Each hospital, community clinic or agency has unique programs, specialties and activities. Find out what these are and seek out interprofessional opportunities to enhance your learning. (Speak to your supervisor or the education coordinator for more information.)

- Shadow another health care professional for a day or even for an hour
- Shadow a highly functional team
- Follow a patient through a clinic visit
- Visit different agencies, or different areas of your hospital or agency
- Volunteer for Committee work
- Participate in research
- Interview someone from another discipline
- Self-awareness activities (journaling, reflectively critiquing the system, your practice)
- Patient and family interviews
- Family conferences
- Home visits
- Consultation, referrals
- Community profiling
- Community walks
- Team projects/ small group work /problem based learning
- Interprofessional Education essay contest
- Journal club
- Patient panels
- Health care provider panels
- Multidisciplinary rounds
- Debates
- Student research symposium
- Film nights
- Student Networking nights (see your orientation manual)
- Northern initiative orientation sessions(or consider going North for a placement)
- Ethics rounds
- Lunch and learn sessions / presentations/ workshops /seminars through your student placement program, the Academies or Leadership and Staff Development at the hospital or community agency on topics such as:
 - Communication
 - Conflict management
 - Cultural competence
 - Power and authority awareness
 - Team roles and responsibilities discussions
- Participate in list servs, chat rooms related to your area of practice