

## CO-OP PRACTICE SETTING REQUIREMENT

**Requirement:** Students must complete a minimum of two different practice settings over the course of three co-op work terms.

### Types of practice settings:

1. **Community** – any community pharmacy position (independent or corporate chain) with a focus on distribution and/or direct patient care.
2. **Hospital** – any hospital position. Can be further divided but are not considered unique practice settings for the purpose of this requirement.
  - a. **Project** – positions focused on project work (e.g. formulary review, drug utilization, safety projects).
  - b. **Clinical** – positions in specific clinical areas where students engaged in activities such as completing BPMH, med recs, interviewing patients/family, bedside rounds, discharge counselling, chart reviews, etc. within the hospital (e.g. ASP, pre-op, oncology, inpatient units, critical care).
  - c. **Distribution** – include mainly the distribution of medications in the inpatient pharmacy.
3. **Ambulatory Care/Clinics** – positions where medical services are performed on an outpatient basis without admission to a hospital or LTC facility including Family Health Teams and Community Health Centres (e.g. hospital outpatient departments, specialty clinics such as dialysis or infusion, outpatient BPMH [LHSC], outpatient oncology [GRH, Sunnybrook]).
4. **Long-Term Care** – consultant or dispensing medication to predominantly nursing homes (e.g. Classic Care for nursing homes, Medical Pharmacies dispensary for LTC).
5. **Head Office** – positions within an organization’s head office (e.g. Costco, Walmart, or Whole Health Pharmacy Partners Head Office).
6. **Academic/Research** –positions in an academic unit or organization with a focus on research (e.g. ISMP, McMaster, UWaterloo).
7. **Pharmaceutical Industry** –positions in the pharmaceutical industry (e.g. Canadian Hospital Specialties, Baxter, Novocol, Glaxo).
8. **Professional Association** –positions with a regulatory college or professional association (e.g. CPhA, OCP, CSHP, NB College of Pharmacists).
9. **Government/Military** –positions within government organizations (e.g. Ministry of Health, Health Canada, Canadian Armed Forces).
10. **Health Technology/Virtual Care** - positions with a strong technology focus, including app development, telemedicine, and telehealth (e.g. MedEssist, Conversation Health, MedMe).
11. **Other** – any positions that don’t fit into the categories above.

**Exception:** As the pharmacy profession evolves, new practice models have emerged, creating unique practice settings. If you believe your setting is not represented in the list above, please contact us at [phrexper@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:phrexper@uwaterloo.ca).