

# **AFMC Student Portal 2.0**



# STUDENTS USER GUIDE



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#### INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended to assist you in navigating the AFMC Student Portal for Visiting Electives and will provide you with instructions on how to set up your account, apply for electives, view the status of your requests and accept or reject an offer.

We are pleased to announce that the Capacity-Based Model will launch on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with students **applying for placements starting August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** The Capacity-Based Model will provide a robust, efficient, and cost-effective platform for students to secure a wide range of *visiting electives* in a timely manner. The improved model aims to standardize the application process for all students and schools. Students will apply for *visiting electives* in 2-week blocks with alignment on dates for 2-weeks blocks across all school. Application rounds will open on the same days for all schools. Rounds open and close at 12:00 AM (Central Time). There are 2 rounds within each 2-week block (All capacity pool, remaining capacity pool). Students will apply during 2-week blocks 12 weeks prior to elective start date.

Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the features of the Portal. If you have any questions once you've gone through the guide and followed the steps, please contact us at <a href="mailto:service@afmcstudentportal.ca">service@afmcstudentportal.ca</a>. We are always available to help you.

#### THE AFMC STUDENT PORTAL

The AFMC Student Portal (The Portal) is an online, bilingual service that facilitates applications and placements of medical students for undergraduate visiting electives at the 17 faculties of medicine in Canada.

Our services are available to Canadian and International undergraduate medical students.

The Portal provides the following services:



#### **HOME PAGE**

Access the AFMC Student Portal at https://afmcstudentportal.ca

1. Clicking on the above link will bring you to the Home Page

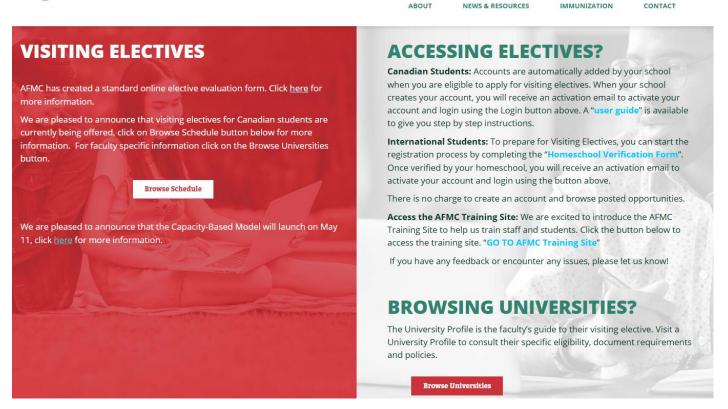


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#### The Home Page provides valuable information regarding visiting electives including the following:

- To Login after your account has been activated, click on the LOGIN button on the Home Page.
- To access the user guide, click on the link
- For more information on the schedule of when applications rounds open, click on Browse Schedule
- For more information on the launch of the Capacity-Based Model, click the link for more information

#### WHAT ARE THE FEES?

1. <u>Portal Registration fee:</u> A one-time non-refundable registration fee for an account. This fee covers the costs of the Portal software maintenance and administrative expenses.

Registration fees as of July 1, 2024:

Canadian Students: \$276.12International Students: \$717.90

Note: Registration fees are subject to change



- 2. School Application fee (optional): As of May 11, 2025, you will no longer be required to pay application fees.
- 3. School Acceptance fee (optional): Some schools charge an acceptance fee to confirm the elective choice.

NOTE: For Quebec students applying to Quebec schools, there are no school fees, you only pay your registration fee.

## Visiting Electives Fees by School (Subject to change)

Province	School	Canadian Student Application Fee	Canadian Student Acceptance Fee	International Student Application Fee	International Student Acceptance Fee	Additional Fees Outside Portal
Newfoundland and Labrador	Memorial University	\$100	\$100	\$350	\$150	In addition to the acceptance fee, learners will also be required to pay the CPSNL Educational Registration Fee (\$125) and Malpractice Insurance (\$500) (in the absence of proof of coverage \$2 M per occurrence). These additional fees will be processed outside the AFMC Student Portal.
Nova Scotia	Dalhousie University	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$744	Acceptance Fee includes \$244 malpractice insurance fee.
Québec	Université Laval	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A	
	Université de Sherbrooke	\$50	\$100	TBD	TBD	
	Université de Montréal	\$50	\$150	N/A	N/A	
	McGill University	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$400	
	University of Ottawa	\$50	\$54.50	\$100	\$780	
Ontario	Queen's University	<b>\$100</b>	\$0	\$100	\$644 - includes \$400 acceptance fee, \$244 malpractice insurance fee	\$10 deposit for security badge. Scrubs require a cash deposit of \$60 at the KGH Cashier Office. A scrub form will be provided N95 mask fitting if required
	University of Toronto	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500	Document verification: \$50. If required: Malpractice insurance: \$244 plus 8% PST; UHIP: \$63
	McMaster University	\$75	\$125	\$250	\$500	The \$325 malpractice insurance fee is included in the \$700 International Student Acceptance Fee
	Western University	\$100	0	\$500	\$445	The \$445 malpractice insurance fee is covered by the International Student Acceptance Fee.



#### **HOW TO APPLY?**

There are five steps to follow to successfully submit your application. (See image below).



#### **CHECK ELIGIBILITY**

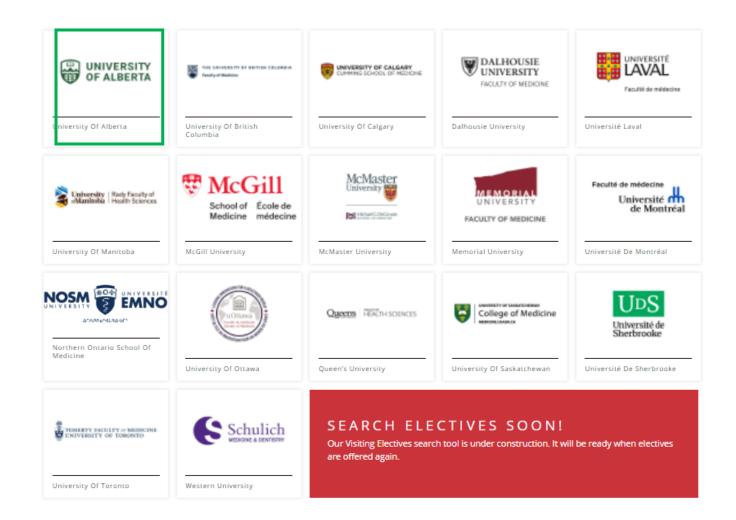
Read the Host schools' requirements on their Institution Profile including:

- ✓ Elective Policies
- ✓ Documents required
- ✓ School Application Fee
- ✓ Visiting Electives Dates
- 1. Click the School logo to view the Institution Profile. In our example below we've selected the University of Alberta:



### Universities

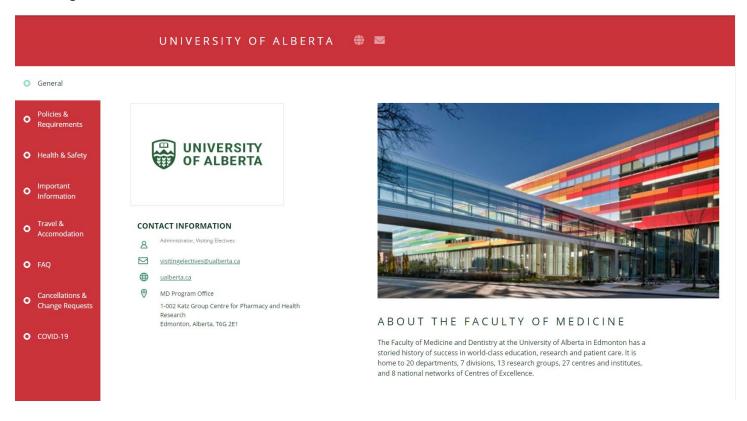
Select a host school below to view their Student Portal profile. Each profile consists of general information, as well as their specific eligibility requirements, document requirements, and policies.





#### INSTITUTION PROFILE LAYOUT AND CONTENT

1. Click general to view School contact information.

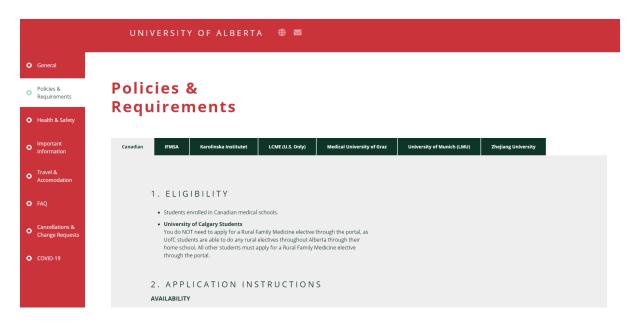


#### **Institution Profile Policies**

Must-Read information about the Policies and requirements, Health and safety, Important information, Travel and accommodation, Cancellation & change requests, and other topics

**DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS** are available on the policies & requirements tab

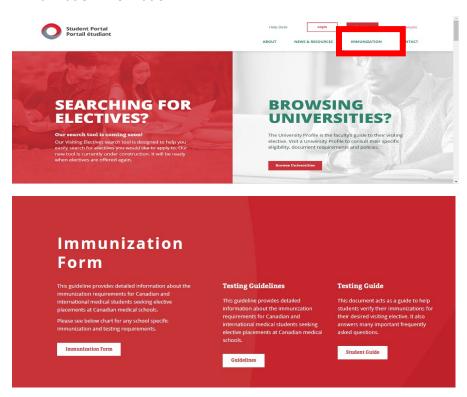




#### **IMMUNIZATION**

Immunization verification will be completed by your homeschool. Some schools may still require you to upload your AFMC Immunization form, this information would be available on the institution profile.

#### **Immunization Information**

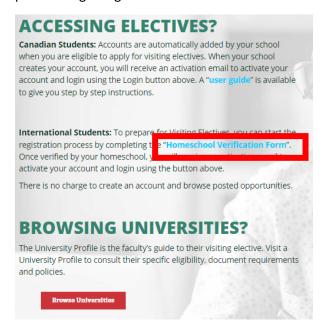




#### **ACCOUNT ACTIVATION**

The Home School will be uploading their students according to when their students will be eligible to apply for Visiting Electives.

For International Students, click on the Homeschool Verification From link on the Student Portal Home Page to begin the process of getting an account.



1. Once your account has been created in the Portal, you will receive a **Welcome email** with the subject line: InPlace Network: Account Activation. Please note that InPlace is the vendor which provides the service for The Portal.

In the email body you will be provided with a link to login and reset your password.

You can access the Portal using a laptop, computer, tablet or phone.

The email will be similar to the one below:

Welcome to InPlace Network, AFMC Student!

To login, please click here:

https://auth-ca.inplacesoftware.com/Account/ResetPassword?UserId=70a99a6a-23ac-49df-d141-

08d9d073d0da&Code=CfDJ8J8GYTtjFnRlg12B2Zbi5tjvaD3nrlO7919hM94wQJs55d4TZ8yll%2FSRZaU5oPC4D1Vuldx8J%2FTPMaR5I9%2FRNJ7LEYwvJwudAEb2wEG%2FVvw6t%2BFjZ7TtHr al%2FqjW5Kpk3lXxVUv05K6Z3JpawNKExgnVQcD8Hd3JLoXUorbhTcEtW70kl6zaV7HY1eEiiYF45mLZG6VsM1f5%2FlaZe6C9XuEvq99JpJ%2B1xXSHs45cK91q&tenantCode=ca-network

When you first log in, you will be prompted to reset your password.

Regards,

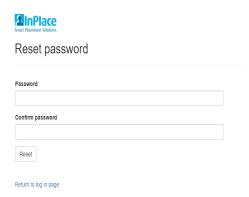
InPlace Network Team

\*\*THIS IS A SYSTEM GENERATED EMAIL. PLEASE DO NOT REPLY.\*\*

**2.** Clicking the **link** will bring you to the following screen:

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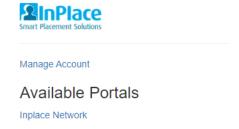
3. Enter your password and confirm password, select Reset and you will receive confirmation of your password reset



4. Select the Return to log in page link:



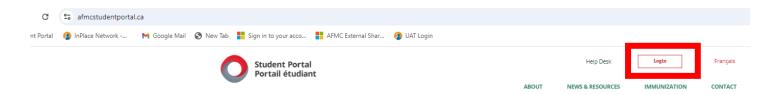
- 5. Enter your Username (email account) and Password to log in.
- 6. Select the InPlace Network link:



#### **LOG IN**

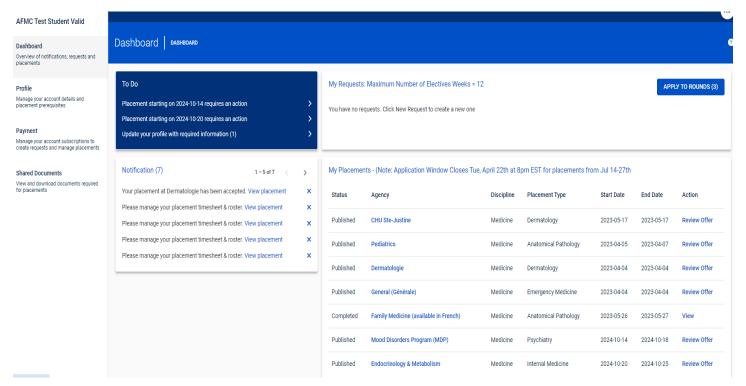
To login to your account, simply go to the Student Portal Home Page and select the Login button.





The first time you access your account, you will be prompted to accept the Terms and Conditions and any other information. Please read each of these carefully before accepting them.

You will now be at your Main Screen as shown below.

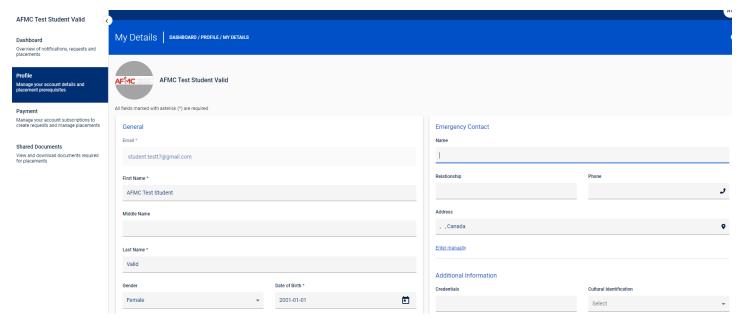


- 1. If your screen shows that you have an outstanding payment for your registration fee, you only need to pay your registration fee when you apply for your first elective. This will be discussed in detail in further sections.
- 2. The Dashboard has 2 sections where messages will be posted and updated periodically, always check these messages
  - a. Shown in above example in My Requests and My Placements.
- **3.** Your Dashboard includes To Do's, Notifications and a list of the placements and status that you have applied for. It's important that you address your To Do's and Notifications as these messages come from your elective coordinators and may require action from you for them to process your application.



#### **UPDATE YOUR PROFILE**

The first thing you need to do is update your profile. Click on the Profile tab which will bring up your profile screen



Verify and ensure the following fields are entered correctly:

- Your date of birth
- Year Level set to Eligible for Domestic Canadian Students
  - o For international students this is set to International
    - DO NOT change this field to Eligible or your account will be inactivated, and you will NOT be eligible for a refund.
- Anticipated Graduation Date
- You must upload a profile picture. This should be the picture provided by your school. To attach a picture,

simply click on the circle (shown as above), this will open and allow you to select a file to upload.

- o If your school does not provide you with a picture, ensure you take a professional type headshot that has a high resolution and attach it to your profile.
- Click SAVE when you have verified all your information is correct and have uploaded your photo.



#### SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

#### As part of the Capacity-Based Model launching May 11, 2025:

- Students will apply for *visiting electives* in 2-week blocks with alignment on dates for 2-weeks blocks across all school.
- Application rounds will open on the same days for all schools.
- Rounds open and close at 12:00 AM (Central Time) 2 rounds within each 2-week block (All capacity pool, remaining capacity pool)
- Students will apply during 2-week blocks 12 weeks prior to elective start date. Starting May 11<sup>th</sup>, you will see actual capacity
- Some sites, for example UofT will have generic sites to apply to (Downtown Toronto, GTA or both), for other schools, students can apply to the actual site
- Some schools may offer 4-week electives, it will be indicated in the title.
- Starting May 11th, you will no longer be required to pay application fees, only pay acceptance fees when you accept an offer
- Students will get responses in a timely manner
- Schools can no longer cancel an accepted placement. They will need to find the student an alternate placement for the same elective window, which can be in another specialty
- Students can no longer cancel an elective.
  - As cancellations do have consequences they strain our relationships with preceptors, and they come
    at an opportunity cost to another student, a cancellation should be viewed as an exceptional
    circumstance requiring their home program's support. Cancellations must be requested by the
    home school to the host school.
  - A student who needs to cancel an elective should make this request to their home school
     Undergraduate Medical Education/Electives office (or equivalent), working through their home school
     Student Affairs office (or equivalent) as appropriate. If the cancellation is supported, the student's
     home school Undergraduate Medical Education/Electives office will notify the host school for the
     visiting elective of the need to cancel, on behalf of the student. The reason for the cancellation need
     not be disclosed by the home school, nor should the reason be requested by the host school.
  - Should a student cancel an elective directly prior to the elective start date, without coordinating the cancellation via their home school Undergraduate Medical Education/Electives office, then the host school will typically notify the home school. Unapproved cancellations would be addressed through professionalism processes at the home school, as relevant.
- Students can submit a maximum of 3 applications per school and a maximum of 12 applications per placement round



• Each 2-week block will have 2 placement rounds. Initial block open Sunday to Tuesday for all capacity available. Following Wednesday, students can apply for the remaining capacity

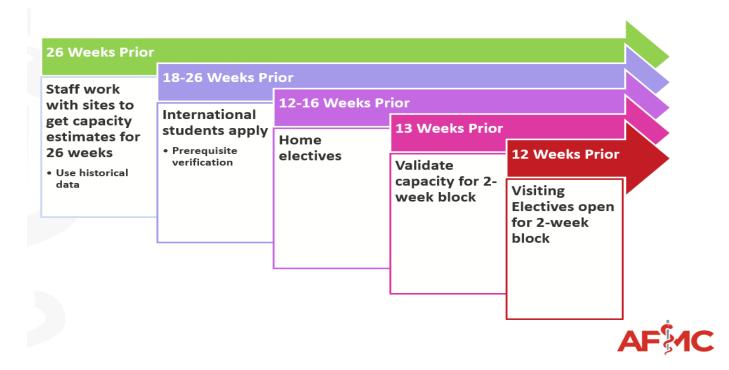
# Lottery Process



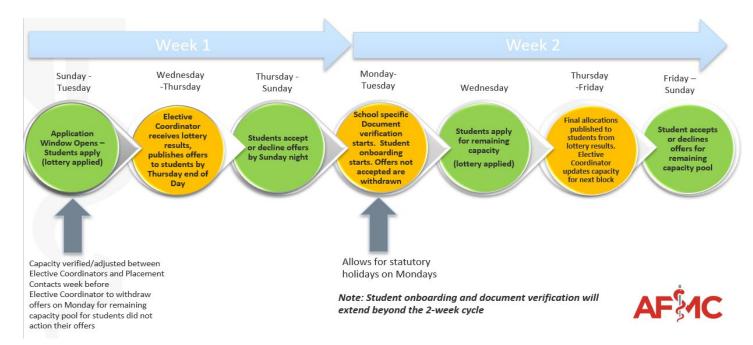
- · Ensures fairness for all students
- No first-in, first-out gives students adequate time to apply
- No more late nights waiting for application rounds to open

## Activities occur same days every 2-weeks

- Easier to plan when students need to apply and respond
- Higher probability of getting desired electives







### Block opens 12 weeks prior for students to apply

Elective Start Date	Elective End Date	Two-Week Block Opens	Two-Week Block Closes
8/4/2025	8/17/2025	5/11/2025	5/24/2025
8/18/2025	8/31/2025	5/24/2025	6/6/2025
9/1/2025	9/14/2025	6/6/2025	6/19/2025
9/15/2025	9/28/2025	6/19/2025	7/2/2025
9/29/2025	10/12/2025	7/2/2025	7/15/2025
10/13/2025	10/26/2027	1/15/2025	7/28/2025
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11/10/2025	11/23/2025	8/10/2025	8/23/2025
11/24/2025	12/7/2025	8/23/2025	9/5/2025
12/8/2025	12/21/2025	9/5/2025	9/18/2025







#### **BEFORE YOU APPLY**

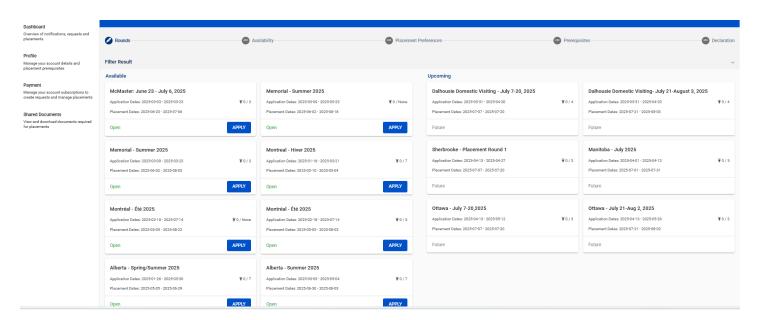
Once you've picked a program, you can then proceed to apply.

- ☐ Ensure you are eligible to apply.
- ☐ Verify the data is accurate on your profile.

On your Student Dashboard select APPLY TO ROUNDS. The number in brackets indicates how many rounds are currently open for you to apply to.



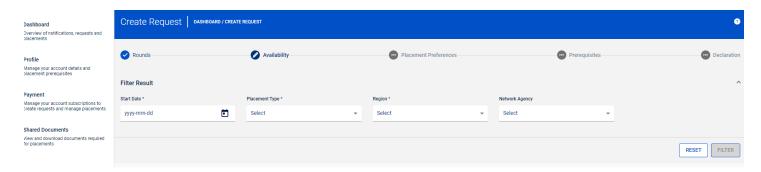
The screen will show you rounds that are currently open to apply to by school.



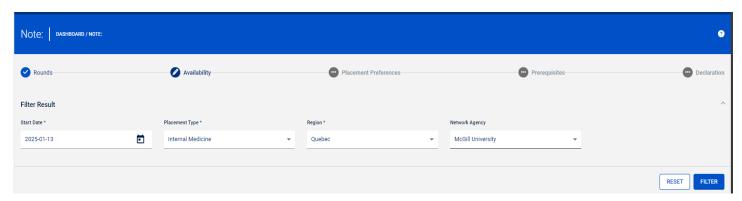
Before selecting a school to apply to, ensure you have read their institutional profile to ensure you understand all requirements prior to applying.

In my example, I will select the McGill – Winter 2024 and click APPLY. The following screen will appear.





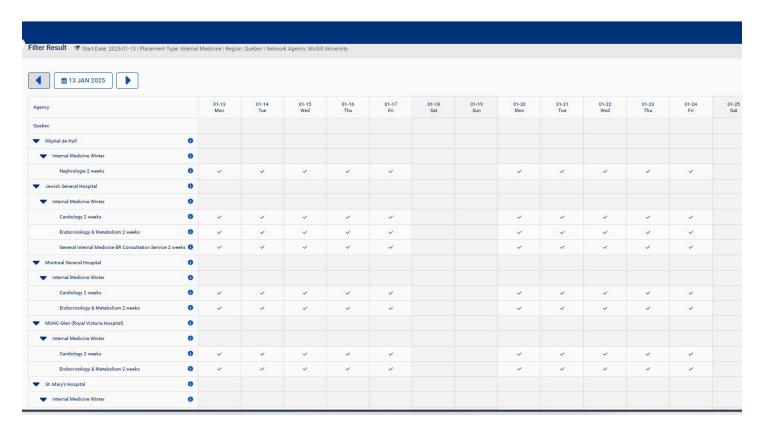
You must select all the filters. In my example I want to apply for Internal Medicine starting 2025-01-13 at McGill



Click on the button provides the results of where I can apply to (see below).

Note, as of May 11, 2025, you will see the actual capacity available rather than checkmarks.





#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR QUEBEC STUDENT APPLYING TO ANOTHER QUEBEC SCHOOL

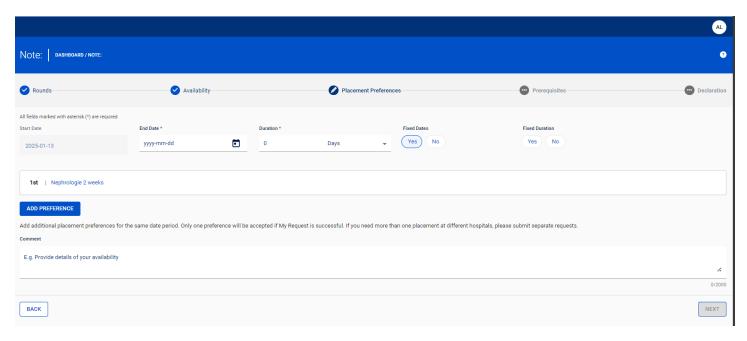
When you choose the elective you want, you must select the speciality related to the right trimester of your request. For an example, if the start date of the elective picked is related to the summer trimester at your home university, then you MUST choose the speciality related to "Summer" (e.g. "Internal Medicine Summer 2023").

Also, when you choose the subspeciality, you MUST choose the subspeciality related to the elective chosen:

- For some university, the subspeciality is represented with the number of weeks ("Hematology 2 weeks", "Hematology 4 weeks" ... etc.)
- For others, it's represented with the number of applications done on the AFMC Portal ("Hematology 1st application", "Cardiology 2nd application" ... etc.)

I want to apply to Hopital de Hull, Internal Medicine Winter, Nephrologie 2 weeks, for what is the winter term for my school, I click on the checkmark under Jan 13 opens the following screen:





Enter the end date of the placement

- Elective always starts on Monday, always end on Sunday, always 10 days for duration, fixed dates=yes and fixed duration=yes
- No more preferences allowed as part of Capacity-Based Model.

#### **ADDING YOUR COMMENTS**

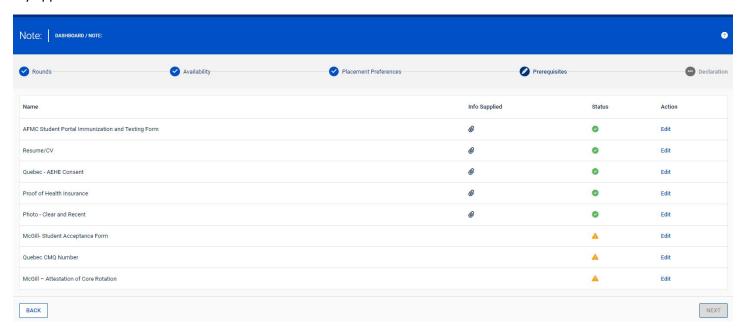
- You can enter your preferred location in the comment.
- Note students working directly with preceptors to get an elective is considered highly unprofessional.



#### **ADDING YOUR PREREQUISITES**

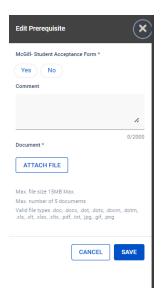
Each school selects the prerequisites required to apply to their school. If you have already applied to some schools, you would have uploaded prerequisites to your profile. You only need to upload your prerequisite once. You can only upload your prerequisites when you start an application to a school.

On the prerequisite screen below, you will see 3 prerequisites in yellow which means I need to upload these to complete my application to McGill:



Clicking Edit for the McGill Student Acceptance Form opens the following side panel:





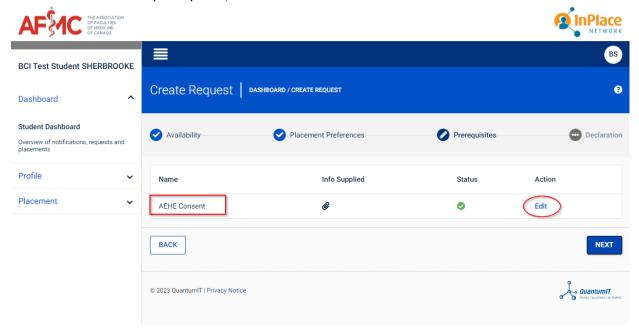
- Click Yes
- Add a comment if required
- Click ATTACH FILE and select the file you want to attach. Ensure you attach the correct document as some schools will automatically reject your application if the correct document is not attached.
- Click SAVE
- Follow the steps above for all prerequisites that have a yellow diamond.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR QUEBEC STUDENT FOR PREREQUISITES

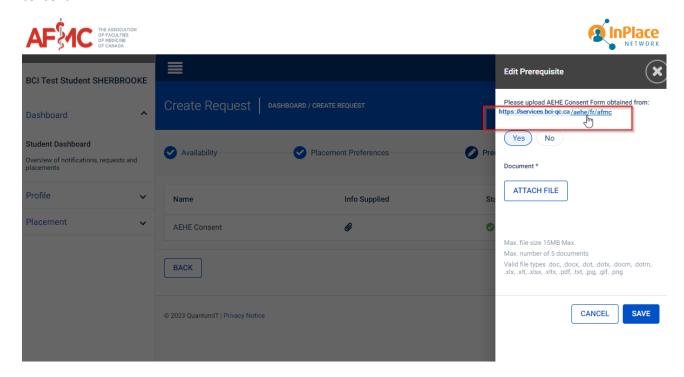
When applying at another Quebec university for an elective, you MUST complete the prerequisite related to the Quebec AEHE consent. If this prerequisite is not complete, then your request for the elective will be denied.



On the "AEHE consent" prerequisite, click on "Edit":



At the following screen, click on the link (<a href="https://services.bci-qc.ca/aehe/en/afmc/">https://services.bci-qc.ca/aehe/en/afmc/</a>) shown to download the AEHE consent:





When you click on the link, a new tab will open on the AEHE system:



#### Welcome to the "Inter-University transfer Authorization" application at BCI

Choose your home university (university where you are completing a degree).



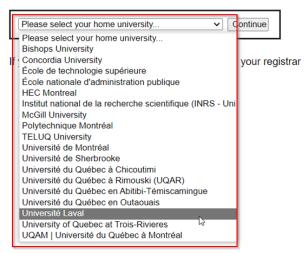
If your home university is not listed, please contact your registrar

Then choose your home university (where you are completing a degree):

# BCI J BUREAU DE COOPÉRATION INTERUNIVERSITAIRE

#### Welcome to the "Inter-University transfer Authorization" application at BCI

Choose your home university (university where you are completing a degree).





To access the AEHE application, you must authenticate yourself by entering the *Username and Password* used to access your home university's student information system.

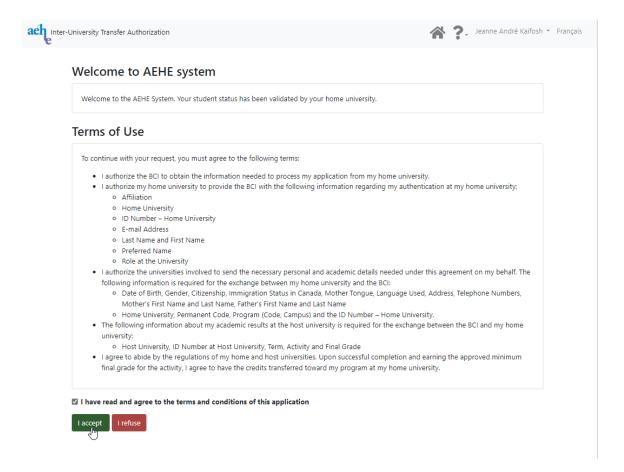


If you are unable to authenticate yourself, you will have to contact the Registrar's Office at your home university.

**Note:** The universities mentioned in the guide's screenshots are listed for example only.



After the authentication process, you are in the AEHE system.

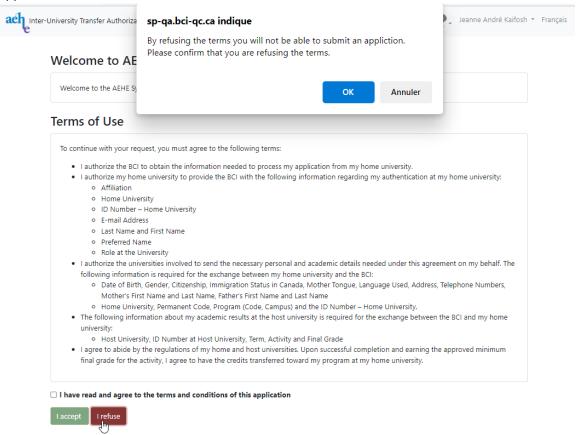


The welcome message informs you that you meet the eligibility requirements of the Inter-University Transfer Agreement.

• You must accept the terms of use by checking the box "I have read and agree to the terms of this application" and then the **Accept** button at the bottom of the screen.



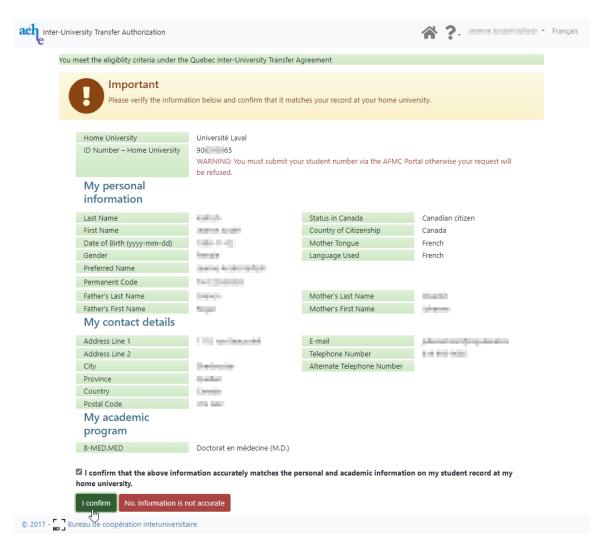
If you refuse, a message displays to tell you that refusing means you will not be able to proceed with your application:



Then, your new request to another Quebec university will be denied by the AEHE system.



As soon as you accept the terms of use, AEHE system takes you to the personal information collected from your home university.



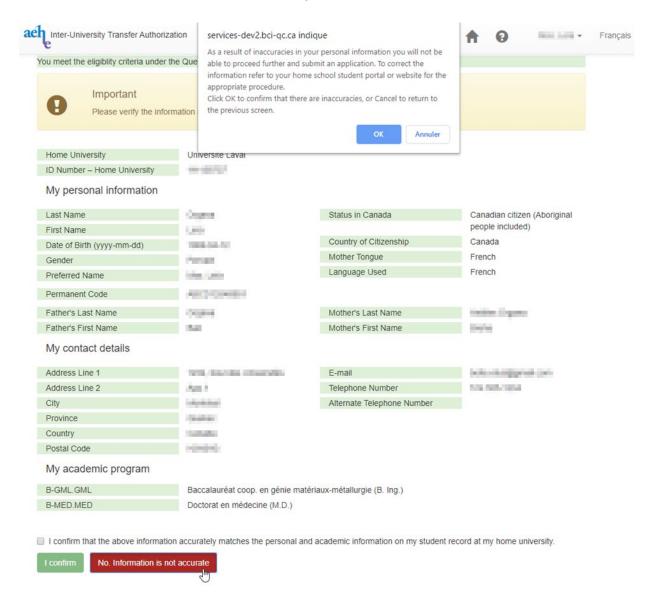
You must check that the information is correct and confirm it.

• First check the box "I confirm that the above information accurately matches the personal and academic information on my student record at my home university" to confirm that the information is accurate, then click on the I confirm button.

**Note:** Your personal information appears on every page of the application.



If the information is not accurate, click on No. Information is not accurate button.



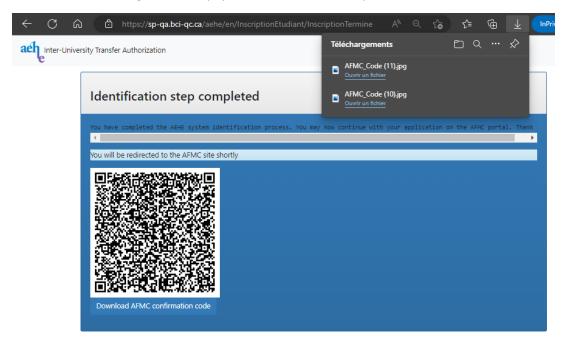
#### Note:

If your personal information is incorrect, a message will display confirming that you will not be able to create a new application. You will first need to have your record updated by your home university.

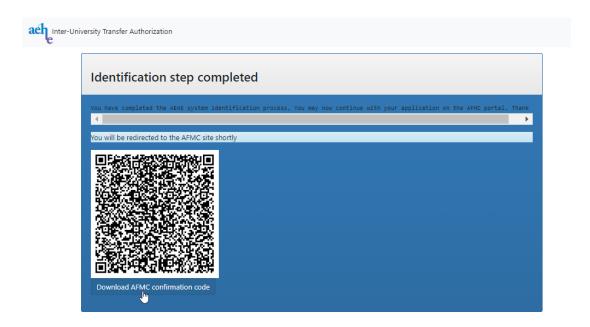


As soon as you confirm your personal informations, the AFMC confirmation code (a QR code) is shown on the screen, and it must be downloaded from the AEHE system to be loaded in the AFMC Portal on the prerequisites section (AEHE Consent in the Prerequisites section).

If your browser is set to accept automatic download, then the AFMC confirmation code will be automatically downloaded in the right directory specified in the browser parameters:

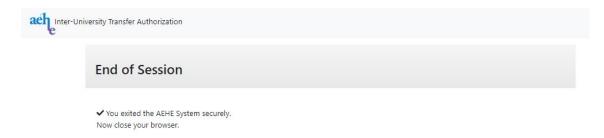


If not, you will have to click on the « Download AFMC confirmation code" link below the QR code:

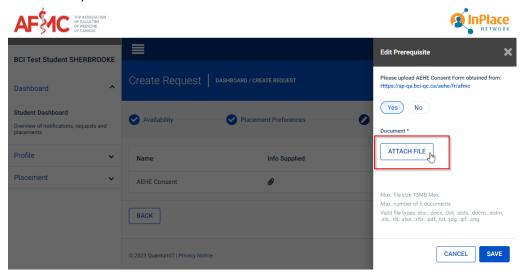


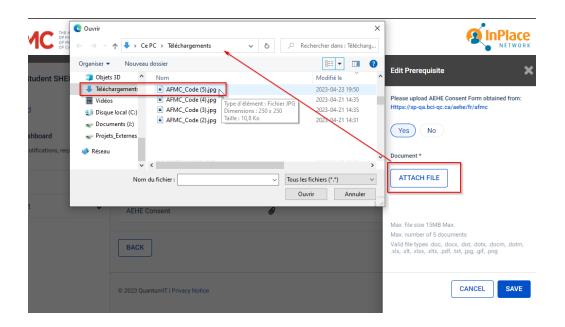


When download is completed, the AEHE system close automatically:



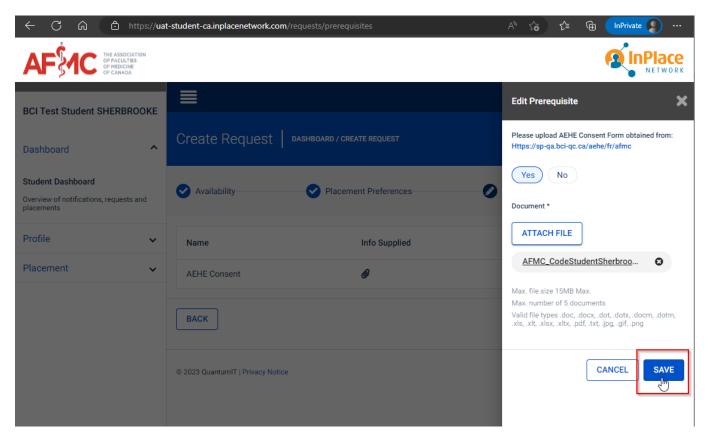
Now you can load the AFMC confirmation code in the AFMC Portal, on the prerequisites section. Click on the button "Attach file", and choose the AFMC confirmation code from the downloaded files:



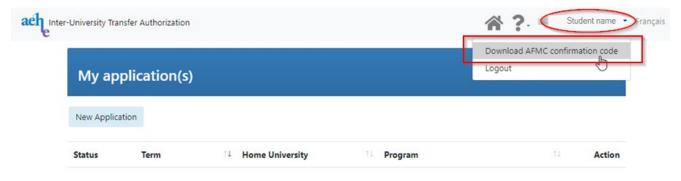




Don't forget to click on the "Save" button to save the AFMC confirmation code you loaded I the prerequisites section.

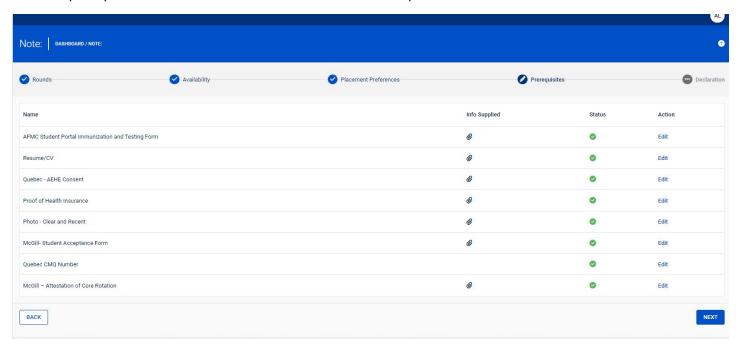


Whenever you need to download the AFMC confirmation code, you can login the AEHE system, and then click on your name in the upper right corner of the application, and choose "Download AFMC confirmation code":





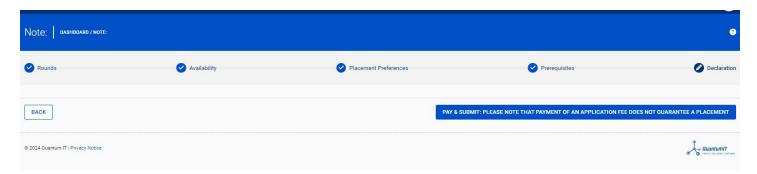
Once complete your screen will show a checkmark under Status as per below:



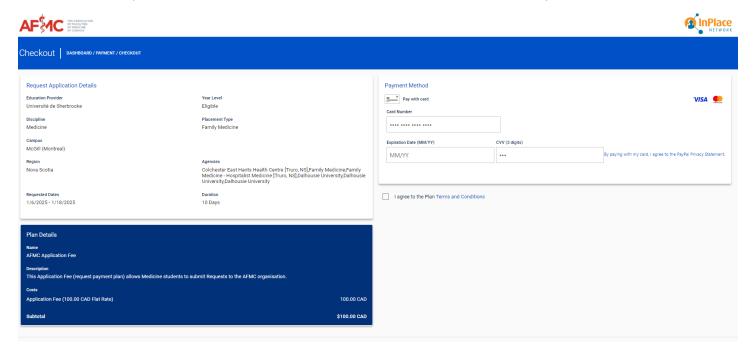
Click NEXT



#### SUBMITTING YOUR PAYMENT



You will now be required to PAY & SUBMIT. Click on the PAY & SUBMIT button will take you to the next screen:



This screen provides information on the application you are submitting under Agencies, the Request Dates and Duration. (Note screen above is different than sample screens provided above).

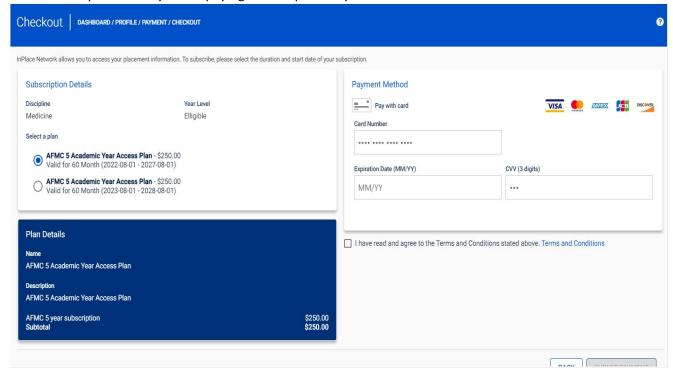
Enter your Card information and click I agree to the Plan Terms and Conditions and select SUBMIT PAYMENT.

Once your transaction is processed you will see a screen with the option to print your receipt or to go to your application.

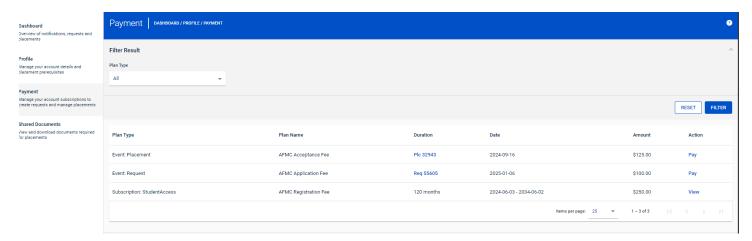
If you have not yet paid your registration fee, you will be prompted to pay that first prior to paying your acceptance fee. The registration fee is only paid prior to submitting your first application and is a one-time fee for you to use the Portal.



Select the Payment Plan you are paying for and provide your card information and SUBMIT PAYMENT



You can download copies of your receipts. You can also find your receipts under the Payment tab under your Profile on your Main Screen:





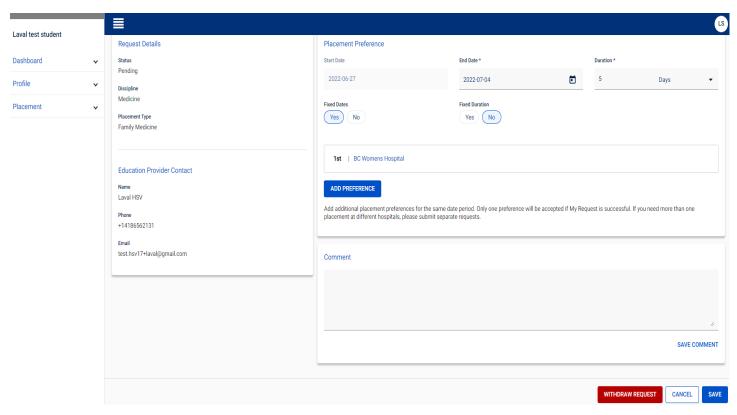
#### TRACKING YOUR APPLICATION

You will receive an email when you submit a request. You will also be notified via email when changes are made to your request.

When submitting a request, it's important to view your profile to ensure there are no outstanding To-Do's to be completed. If there are, follow the instructions to complete the outstanding To-Do.

View your request

To view a pending request, simply click view



The Request Details screen provides the information for the request you submitted. You can make changes to the request once you have submitted it. If you DO make changes, you MUST provide a comment which will be shared with the Elective Coordinator and the Placement Contact. The comment needs to indicate what you have changed on your request.

#### RESPONDING TO YOUR TO-DO'S

Your To-Do's are shown are your Student Dashboard, it's important to monitor you student dashboard regularly to see if there are TO-DO's you need to address as these are required for the processing of your application.

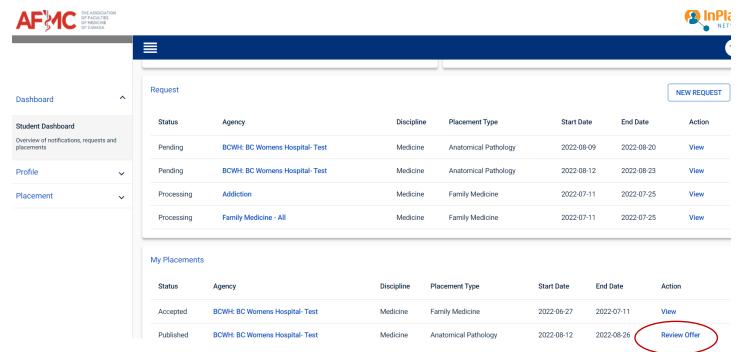
#### **NOTIFICATIONS**

You will receive notifications on your dashboard. You can disregard the notification to manage your placement timesheet and roster, this is functionality we do not use on the Student Portal.

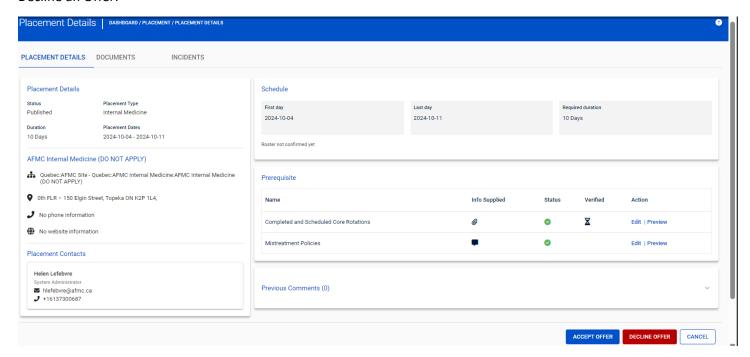


#### ACCEPTING OR DECLINING AN OFFER

Your Dashboard has the Request section which shows the status of your applications. Once a school has processed your application and provides an offer to you, you will see it in the My Placements section.



Select the Review Offer link under My Placements will provide the Placement Details screen with the option to Accept or Decline an Offer:





Accepting an offer will take you to the payment screen and give you the option to download your receipt.

You will be required to attest to having read the mistreatment policies for the school you are applying to. Click on the Terms and Conditions will provide a link to the policies by school. Please ensure you understand how to report mistreatment prior to completing your payment.

To decline an offer, select DECLINE OFFER, you will be prompted to provide a reason:



Enter a reason and select OK

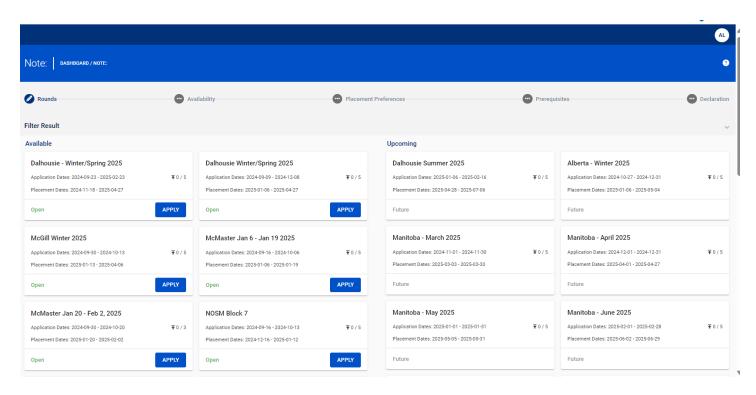
Your Student Dashboard will provide information on the actions you have taken.

### **FAQS FOR STUDENTS**

#### WHERE CAN I FIND ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY FOR?

On your Student Dashboard, click APPLY TO ROUNDS. This will take you to a screen that shows all Rounds that are currently open by school with information on the placement dates and applications dates.

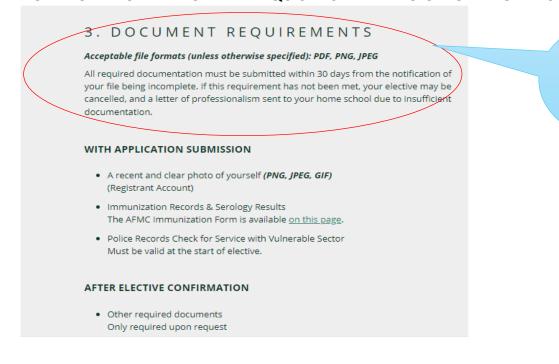




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#### HOW DO I KNOW WHICH PRE-REQUISITES I NEED TO UPLOAD TO MY STUDENT ACCOUNT?



On the School's Institution Profile – Student Type at afmcstudentportal.ca

#### WHERE CAN I CHECK THE STATUS OF MY VISITING APPLICATIONS?

On the Student Dashboard: Your Requests are shown on your Dashboard and include information for your request including the Status.

#### IS IT POSSIBLE TO UPDATE A DOCUMENT AFTER I HAVE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION?

Go to Your Profile and replace documents under Prerequisites by selecting EDIT, if you need to replace the file you uploaded click the black x to remove it and attach a new file:

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination *	
Yes No	
Comment	
	1.
Document *	0/2000
ATTACH FILE	
Add_pic_jpg	8
Max. file size 15MB Max.	
Max. number of 5 documents  Valid file types .doc, .docx, .dot, .dotx, .doc .xls, .xlt, .xlsx, .xltx, .pdf, .txt, .jpg, .gif, .png	m, .dotm,
CANCEL	SAVE



#### CAN I CANCEL AN ELECTIVE WITHIN 6 WEEKS OF THE ELECTIVE START DATE?

Students can no longer cancel an elective, except for mitigating circumstances where both the home school and host school agree.

#### KEY INFORMATION I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE I APPLY?

Please ensure you review the institution profile for the school you wish to apply for. There is important information that changes on an ongoing basis to provide students with key information needed prior to applying for an elective.

Please note that if you want to apply for an elective that is being offered over several weeks and you want are available for multiple times during that period, you only need to apply ONCE and put in the comments your availability. Applying multiple times for the same elective at the same school for different timeframes is frowned upon as it is more work for the elective coordinators and you will be required to pay for each application submitted, there will be no refunds provided in this case. The dates you choose for your application would be your preferred date; in the comments you would put in alternate dates that you are available. This way, the elective coordinators and the placement contacts at the sites will be in a better position to offer you a placement.



#### **KEY MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

- ✓ Plan your visiting elective(s) in advance
- ✓ Complete your immunizations ahead of time
- ✓ Make sure you carefully READ the application Policies and Requirements on the school's Institution profile before you apply
  - ✓ All fees are Non-Refundable so ensure you are selective and accepting the right requests when applying your payments.

#### **HELP DESK SUPPORT**

- Consult the help documents on the Portal Help Desk website: https://afmc.happyfox.com
- Support is offered from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM EST trough the Portal Help Desk website: <a href="https://afmc.happyfox.com">https://afmc.happyfox.com</a>