

## FAQ - MEP - (updated: 7/26/2021)

### 1. Why are students asked to fill out course intentions?

Course intentions is the process where returning students indicate the courses they wish to take in the upcoming academic year via RAMSS. If you are a [new student](#), you will not need to complete this process before the start of your first term. It is helpful as it allows Ryerson to know which students will be returning which is beneficial for students as it means they **will get their OSAP much sooner**.

The course intentions period occurs in March for the upcoming academic year. Course intention changes can be made during the course intention adjustment periods in the spring (May) and fall (August to September).

Course intention appointments are automatically scheduled by Ryerson. As a student, you will be notified through your Ryerson email of your upcoming course intention appointment. Course intention appointment information can also be found in the Enrolment Dates section of your [Student Centre in RAMSS](#).

### 2. How do I know if I'm enrolled (MWF320)

Look for the communications in your email from your tutor or the course coordinator, Vicki Van Wagner. You have been enrolled and added to the D2L shell for either [Vicki, Mary or Elizabeth Brandeis](#). If you don't know how to [navigate through a D2L shell](#), This page has further details:

[https://www.ryerson.ca/ccs/services/email\\_and\\_learning/myryerson\\_portal/](https://www.ryerson.ca/ccs/services/email_and_learning/myryerson_portal/)

### 3. Are our faculty advisors guaranteed to be from the MEP?

Faculty advisors are tenured or tenure-track faculty in the MEP.

### 4. Will LU transitioning students be considered for placements in the GTA?

Those who indicate that they need special consideration (accommodation for medical issues, human rights, special designated placement) can be considered for placements in the GTA. Otherwise, as an LU transitioning student (either at Ryerson or McMaster) you will be placed in the LU lottery. Remember: the **number of placements is limited. Getting special consideration is limited by the number of available placements.**

**5. Will critical appraisal of research literature (CARL) be offered in the fall?**

Yes, MWF109 or CARL will be offered in the Fall. Ahead of this date, a few videos will be available on CARL on this website ([metteacherlearner.com](http://metteacherlearner.com))

**6. How do I access my Academic Advisement report on RAMSS?**

This important resource can be accessed according to the instructions [here](#).

**7. How will the GPA of LU transitioning students achieved at LU be applied at Ryerson?**

You will only be given a GPA for courses taken at Ryerson. This is a common standard at all universities. Ryerson can not give you a GPA based on courses taken at another university. In the future, if you consider graduate school, it is common for directors to provide the prospective graduate school with a detailed description of the course you took; i.e., the number of hours, method of instruction, content of what was taught and evaluated. So graduate school is not out of the question with someone who had a BHSc that doesn't account for all of the cGPA. If cGPA is very important to you, you may need to request transcripts from 2 universities in order to apply for graduate school.

**8. Ryerson offers a program where students can partner with seniors, how is this implemented by the university?**

This is the [Tri Mentoring](#) Program. It must be signed up for personally by the interested students. Links can be found on the [MEP website](#).

**9. When is registration for fall courses?**

This depends on which year you are entering and whether course intentions were filled out. For open enrollment:

[Fall Open Enrolment \(Day School Classes\), Course Add, Swap or Drop Period](#)  
When Aug 23 – Sep 17, 2021

[Description: Add or swap Fall undergraduate classes, for undergraduate students.](#)

**10. For students going into second year for which NRP (neonatal resuscitation program) is a requirement, will NRP be set up for students? Do students have to make arrangements separately?**

According to the MEP P&I Handbook Volume II: *'Students complete an NRP course during MWF 250 Midwifery Clinical Skills. Subsequent recertification is the student's responsibility'*

**11. Who can help me get papers that need to be filled out with the registrar for out of province financial assistance?**

Forms that need to be completed can be dropped off at ServiceHub or emailed to [funding@ryerson.ca](mailto:funding@ryerson.ca)

**12. How to request a letter of enrollment for Fall 2021?**

RAMSS will not show enrollment until the end of August. If proof of enrollment is needed sooner and you are unable to generate the required documentation with RAMSS, you can request a letter of enrollment from the program:

- [The form and instructions are on our website.](#)
- <https://www.ryerson.ca/midwifery/students/forms/>
- The cost is \$20.

**13. As an LU transitioning student, where do I submit my birth log?**

This should be sent to your LU tutor.

**14. To whom do I submit my remaining Normal Childbearing expenses as an LU transitioning student?**

Please contact Cecilia Kong [ckong@ryerson.ca](mailto:ckong@ryerson.ca).

**15. As an LU transitioning student, how can I confirm that I have met my third-year placement requirements?**

Please contact Martha Sharpe [Martha.sharpe@ryerson.ca](mailto:Martha.sharpe@ryerson.ca)

**16. Where can I find a list of specific additional textbooks required for third year?**

Please consult the syllabus when you have access.

**17. What is a third year student's responsibility for refreshing skills for FHS?**

This takes place in MWF 345

**18. Due to the similarity in course material in 'Clinical Skills' to the Laurentian course 'Becoming a Midwife', will the course requirement for Clinical Skills be changed?**

We recognize that some of the material in Clinical Skills is similar to what is taught in the Becoming a Midwife Course. At Ryerson the Clinical Skills course is very hands on - this includes the virtual offering. Second year LU students will be required to take Clinical Skills. They will be expected to attend the zoom sessions, participate in class including presentations and take the weekly quizzes and clinical skills assessments (which are like OSCEs). They may find that some of the readings and narrated powerpoints are repetitive and can choose which to skim/opt out of. However they are responsible to know all the material covered in the course.

**19. Do we need to complete an OSAP process? Do we need to pay a deposit in June?**

The answer to both of these questions is no. Tuition will be due in early September

**20. What is the process of applying for leave of absence? OSAP procedure? Will it affect my OSAP?**

**Please visit with the Students Services staff this morning and they'll help you to find the [form](#) on the [website](#) with the instructions (which are found in the P&I).**

**You'll note that on Page 14 of P&I Volume 2, you are required to notify the Program Manager, Mindy by submitting the form to her as an email attachment. Please let Loreto know you're notifying Mindy so you can close that loop.**

**For OSAP, it is best to call OSAP/nslsc as each student has unique circumstances and must be decided on a case by case manner. Without further notices(ie. just taking leave of absence), you will definitely be considered 'graduated' as your account will most likely be inactive and interest/payments will accrue.**

**There is an OSAP form for '[OSAP Request for an Exceptional Circumstances Review](#)' in which ...**

**Purpose**

**You may request an exceptional circumstances review if the following applies to you:**

- **You withdrew completely from studies after receiving full-time OSAP funding.**
- **You had to withdraw because of an exceptional circumstance beyond your control.**
- **One or more of the following is the result of your withdrawal:**
  - **You have an OSAP overpayment in your current study period.**

- You have an overpayment restriction preventing you from receiving OSAP funding.

- Your OSAP grants have been, or will be, converted into loan.

If the review is approved, you may be eligible for future OSAP funding. Any previous grants that were converted to a loan may be stopped or reversed.

**Note:** The exceptional circumstances review does not waive the requirement for parental and spousal prior year income (as applicable) to be verified.

**Definition: Exceptional circumstances**

The ministry considers an exceptional circumstance to have occurred if there has been an unexpected event that is beyond your control and temporarily prevents you from performing the daily activities necessary to attend postsecondary studies.

Exceptional circumstances include the following:

- An event that seriously aggravates or causes a relapse to an existing disability or medical condition.
- Diagnosis of a new disability or medical condition.
  - Serious injury or surgery.
- Unexpected parental leave.
- Unexpected loss of housing due to fire, flood, etc.
- Unexpected leave due to family crisis.

Do note as of April 1, 2021, no interest will be charged on Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans. This measure is temporary. For more information, please see the proposed changes in this year's budget announcement.

For more info,

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans/repay/assistance/rap.html>

21. Signed up for cpr training, which are approved? Courses offered through the red canadian cross are approved?

Yes it is, but make sure it's the one for healthcare providers, aed lvl c ex. BLS(HCP) is approved.

22. Will the second orientation be in person or online?

It will be online.

23. As a newly transferred student, how might I go about getting my Ryerson Student ID?

You will receive an email acknowledging your admission, this email will include your Ryerson student ID. You can then use the ID to activate your online identity: <https://www.ryerson.ca/accounts/students/>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

There will be no requirement for students to be vaccinated in order to be on campus (of course your placement sites are a different issue). Students living in residence will have vaccination requirements - but for on campus access, we will promote and encourage vaccination, but not require it. Usual safety precautions (ie masks) will stay in effect.