

OPOR Student Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need OPOR-CIS training as a student?

OPOR-CIS training will depend on your learner role. If you require access to patient documentation, you are required to complete OPOR-CIS training. If OPOR-CIS access is not required for your placement (as determined by your designated student coordinator/manager/preceptor), you will not require training.

How are students being trained in the OPOR-CIS?

All students who require OPOR-CIS access will receive mandatory virtual asynchronous learning before beginning their placement at an IWK Health or Nova Scotia Health facility. Student learning for OPOR-CIS will be delivered through the existing Learning Management System (LMS). Students must complete two online asynchronous OPOR-CIS courses. Training information will be sent to clinical leaders and professional practice leaders for distribution to the appropriate student population. Virtual learning will help deepen understanding and prepare users to learn how to use the OPOR-CIS. OPOR-CIS hands-on learning will be provided during your clinical placement by your designated preceptor or clinical instructor.

How are Residents/Fellows being trained in the OPOR-CIS?

Resident/Fellow training will follow the Provider Training Model of mandatory in-person classroom training. They will choose training to match their clinical area of practice (i.e. Surgery, Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine). Residents/Fellows currently practicing will be trained in advance of their respective site implementations. For incoming PGY1s, training will be aligned during the July onboarding process.

Will students be paid for OPOR-CIS training?

Students will not be paid for OPOR-CIS training. Training will be part of your mandatory prerequisites prior to starting an unpaid clinical placement. Only staff employed with IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health will be remunerated for OPOR-CIS training. If you are a paid Resident or Fellow, remuneration will occur after classroom completion. Residents/Fellows should contact OPORFinance@nshealth.ca prior to training to set up your banking profile for payment. All other students employed and paid by IWK Health or Nova Scotia Health should contact their unit manager to discuss remuneration for OPOR-CIS training.



When will students receive OPOR-CIS training?

OPOR-CIS student training will begin at the end of October 2025. Training courses will be available on the LMS for all students. We recommend that students repeat the OPOR-CIS courses if they complete training far in advance of their clinical placement. Students are also encouraged to search our CIS learning library as resources are continuously added to support learning.

What happens if students do not complete training?

Training is a mandatory prerequisite to receive access to the OPOR-CIS. You will not be authorized to accept patient care until you have completed training and received access. Training must be completed at least 10 business days prior to your clinical placement start date, to ensure sufficient time to prepare for placement and for access to be arranged.

How long is OPOR-CIS training for students?

Virtual training will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Resident/Fellow classroom training varies based on your specialty (typically ½ day to 1 full day). All Residents/Fellows must sign in to [LMS](#) or visit [OPOR-CIS Course Catalog](#) to view classroom descriptions and durations.

What other learning resources are available to students to prepare for clinical placement?

We will have additional resources available for students to supplement their learning. Please visit the [OPOR CIS Learning Library](#) to find additional learning resources. We encourage students to review learning resources applicable to their placement care area. Note: Our learning materials are only available to students once they have received their student active directory account. Please contact your respective clinical coordinator if you have not received this information