Requesting Permission for Linguistics 4TE3 TESL Practicum

How many practicum spots are available?

This depends on the number of supervisors who are able to host a practicum student, so the number of spots varies from year to year. In Ling 4TE3, there are usually 6 or 8 placements available in the MELD program on campus.

Who can register in a practicum course?

Ling 4TE3 is open only to students in 4th-year Linguistics or Cognitive Science of Language (Single or Combined Honours). The course is not open to students from other programs, nor to students who are completing a minor.

How do I request a spot in a practicum course?

Prepare an application package that includes the following:

- A cover page with your name, student number and mcmaster email address, and which practicum course you’re applying for (Ling 4SL3 or 4TE3)
- A letter addressed to Dr. Anderson describing your interest in the course and your relevant experience or background.
- A CV or résumé of your academic, employment and volunteer experience.

Submit your application on paper to the Department of Linguistics & Languages by the last day of classes in April.

How will I find out whether I have a spot in a practicum course?

Final decisions about practicum spots depend on the supervisors. We try to have spots confirmed by early June. You will receive a message on your @mcmaster.ca email confirming whether you have a spot or not. Once your spot is confirmed, we will set the permission in Mosaic for you to be able to register in the course.

How do I know where I'm placed?

Once you have a confirmed spot in the course, you will receive a list of the placement sites with descriptions of the location and responsibilities for each. You will have the chance to rank your preferred placements. We try our best to place students at their top-ranked sites, but it is not always possible to give everyone their first choice. All communication about placement sites, rankings, and supervisors will happen on your @mcmaster.ca email, so remember to check it regularly even if you are not on campus over the summer.