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CLINICAL ELECTIVE PLACEMENTS INFORMATION FOR DOCTORS

The ANU and Canberra Health Services offer the opportunity for visiting medical students from interstate and overseas universities to complete a clinical elective term at either the Canberra Hospital (TCH), and/or North Canberra Hospital (formerly Calvary Public Hospital) in their final or penultimate year of study. A medical student placement is any student in the clinical environment, whether they are observing or undertaking a formal elective placement.

The ANU coordinates all medical student placements in ACT Public Hospitals, including non-ANU medical students visiting TCH for a clinical elective term.

The ACT Health Student and Trainee Clinical Placement Policy covers any medical students entering a clinical environment. This policy includes requirements such as a National Police Check, Working with Vulnerable People registration and Screening and Vaccination documentation. Students also need to complete compulsory eLearning modules prior their elective placement.

Students should **not** contact doctors directly. If you or your department are contacted by a student directly, please refer them to the ANU via the contact details below to avoid miscommunication. The Clinical Elective Handbook for students can be found on the ANU [website](#). This Handbook outlines the process and requirements of a placement and the relevant application paperwork.

Non-ANU medical students are permitted to apply once only for a clinical elective placement (out of fairness to other applicants, repeat applications from the same student will not be considered). Placements can be for a minimum of four weeks and a maximum of eight weeks. An eight-week placement can be divided into two separate four-week placements with two different departments if the student wishes. Elective placements commence on a Monday (or a Tuesday if commencement date falls on a public holiday). The ANU will arrange for the student to obtain a photo ID (proximity access card) from Security and will liaise with the supervisor to confirm where and to whom the student should report to on their first day.

Students of Australian universities are only permitted to complete a clinical elective with the ANU if their University has an active Deed of Agreement with ACT Health/Canberra Health Services.

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