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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 Canberra 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 from outside of the ANU Doctor of Medicine and Surgery program should **not** contact doctors directly. We cannot honour arrangements made outside of the ANU's process. If you or your department is contacted by a non-ANU medical 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.

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.

Elective placements commence on a Monday (or a Tuesday if commencement date falls on a public holiday). The student will be instructed to arrange the 'when', and 'where' for their first day with their supervisor and collecting their hospital ID proximity card from Security. The ANU will have arranged hospital access, eLearning and orientation details prior to the student attending their first day.

Please feel free to reach out to our team directly if you have any questions.

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