

Clinical Elective Placements

Information for Doctors

The ANU Medical School offers the opportunity for final year or penultimate year non-ANU medical students, both nationally and internationally, to complete a clinical elective term at an ACT Health facility. The ANU Medical School Admissions Office coordinates all medical student placements in ACT Public Hospitals, including the Canberra Hospital and Calvary Public Hospital. A medical student placement is any student in the clinical environment, whether they are observing or undertaking a formal elective placement.

The ACT Health Student and Trainee Clinical Placement Policy covers any medical students entering a clinical environment. This policy includes requirements such as Criminal Record Checks, Working with Vulnerable People Check, and proof of Immunisations, Screenings and Vaccinations.

Students should **not** contact doctors directly. If you or your department are contacted by a student directly, please refer them to the Electives Coordinator at the ANU Medical School on the contact details found below. Failure to do this will result in them not being assigned a placement as there is such a high demand for places.

The Clinical Elective Handbook for students can be found on the ANU Medical School [website](#). The Handbook outlines the process and requirements of a placement and the relevant application paperwork.

Applications for placements are required **at least 6 months before** the intended placement commencement. The due dates for applications are as follows:

- For placements in January, February and March the deadline is August 1 the previous year
- For placements in April, May and June the deadline is October 1 the previous year
- For placements in July, August and September the deadline is January 1 that year
- For placements in October, November and December the deadline is April 1 that year

Each student is permitted to apply for one placement during their medical course. 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 the commencement date falls on a public holiday) after an orientation session by the Electives Coordinator, and once the student has obtained a photo ID and proximity card from Security. Students also need to complete compulsory E-Learning modules prior to the orientation day.

Students of Australian universities are only permitted to complete a clinical elective with ANU Medical School if their University has an active Deed of Agreement with ACT Health. We currently cannot permit students from Bond University, Sydney University or the University of Queensland as there is no active Deed in place. Without this signed Deed and Schedule, students are not covered by their University's Public Liability and Medical Indemnity Insurance.

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