Placement Hosts

SUPPORTING RURAL IMMERSION STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Curtin University

GOLDFIELDS UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF RURAL HEALTH

Thank you for hosting a GUDRH student on placement

As part of a GUDRH supported 'Rural Immersion' placement, students are invited to attend a small number of GUDRH coordinated activities that support onboarding, learning, and program quality improvement. Your support in releasing students to attend these activities is important to ensure a smooth and successful placement experience.

Calendar invites sent to you are FYI only and you are not required to attend, however your attendance is welcome should you wish to participate in any of these activities.

Benefits for placement hosts

While these activities are coordinated by the GUDRH, placement hosts benefit through:

- Reduced orientation and administrative burden, so you can focus on the workplace and clinical work orientation.
- Students that have an increased understanding of the rural and cultural context of the Goldfields.
- Students who are well supported, prepared and connected. This strong sense of belonging encourages them to return in the future.
- Students who are building on their interprofessional skills, learning to clearly explain their role and understand the roles of others.



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What activities are students invited to attend?



One hour GUDRH Welcome Drop-In Session

Students whose placements commence before a scheduled full day mandatory Orientation & Induction are invited to drop into the GUDRH offices during Week 1. The purpose of this visit is for them to:

- Meet the GUDRH team supporting them throughout placement
- Become familiar with the GUDRH offices at Curtin Kalgoorlie campus
- Complete their pre placement survey, which is part of GUDRH's program quality improvement process

Orientation & Induction (Full Day) – Mandatory

Students participating in a GUDRH supported Rural Immersion placement are required to attend a full day Orientation & Induction, which includes:

- Welcome and introduction to the GUDRH team
- Student wellbeing session
- Completion of the pre placement survey (if not already completed)
- "What is Rural?" session exploring assumptions and realities of health access in the Goldfields
- Curtin Kalgoorlie campus and town tour, including discussion of social and economic factors influencing health in the Goldfields
- Cultural Education session focused on Aboriginal history, culture, and language, while also exploring culturally sensitive health care approaches

Post placement Focus Group / Interview (Program Evaluation)

As part of GUDRH's program evaluation, students are asked to participate in a post placement focus group or interview, which includes:

- A photovoice reflection activity linked to interprofessional collaborative practice competencies:
  - Role clarification and appreciation
  - Reflective practice
  - Teamwork and team functioning
  - Collaborative leadership and followership
  - Interprofessional coordination and shared decision-making
- Group or individual discussion facilitated by GUDRH

Interprofessional Education (IPE) Workshops

Students are invited to attend Interprofessional Education (IPE) workshops held fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:00pm.

These workshops bring together students from multiple health professions to learn with, from and about each other, with a strong focus on interaction, reflection, and collaboration.

Sessions are facilitated, not taught, and use fun and interactive learning methods to teach multi-disciplinary skills such as communication, collaborative practice, and decision making, which are core components of contemporary health professional education.

Possible extracurricular activities

Students may be invited to join study tours, additional on Country or cultural experiences, remote clinics (eg/ RFDS), and other Goldfields-specific tours and unique immersion experiences.

Community Involvement and volunteering

Students may be invited to attend and support the GUDRH at local health career taster events or career promotion activities within the community / schools.

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