



CONTINUING PLACEMENTS AND COVID-19

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH PLACEMENTS AND WIL EXPERIENCES?

At this time, some placements – including professional practice, professional experience, fieldwork, clinical practice, workplace experiences or internships – may continue as scheduled, unless we are otherwise notified by the placement provider.

Keep in contact with your School. They will be reviewing placement requirements and changes – as a means of minimising any potential risk to students, placement sites and communities.

We know that in some situations, our students can make an important contribution to the community by continuing to participate in their placement. If your placement is affected, your School will contact you directly.

WHAT IF I NEED TO OBTAIN A VACCINATION?

Please check with your School about whether the placement partner has changed or introduced vaccination requirements.

The NSW Government has identified authorised workers who now require vaccination.

In particular, there are now obligation for health care workers to be vaccinated: this covers employees, contractors, visiting practitioners, volunteers and students.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY PLACEMENT IS POSTPONED, OR CHANGED?

Your School will work with you and the organisation to reschedule the placement or seek an alternative assessment. Your School may make arrangements for you to complete your placement at an agreed later time.

Please keep in touch with your Supervisor.

Your School is in contact with placement organisations and accreditation bodies to identify flexible solutions and alternatives that will continue to provide an experience for you.

WHAT IF I CHOOSE TO STOP ATTENDING MY PLACEMENT?

If you choose to stop attending your placement, you will need to make contact with your Supervisor as soon as possible.

Schools will inform you about any impact this may have on your progression and assessment completion. Your Unit Coordinator will work with you as required.

WHAT IF I FEEL UNWELL?

If you are feeling unwell and experiencing any cold/flu-like symptoms (such as a sore throat, runny nose, a cough or sneezing), you should not attend your placement.

You should:

- Obtain a COVID-19 test
- Seek medical advice about your symptoms and possible exposure to COVID-19, in line with the latest Government measures.
- Practice social distancing and self-isolation until you are able to be tested for your illness.
- Follow recommended hygiene practices.
- Contact your Supervisor.
- Contact your placement organisation and let them know.
- Complete the special consideration form online.

Once you are symptom-free, you may be able to return to placement, pending advice from your School and placement organisation.).

