



University of
South Australia

Bachelor of Medical Radiation Sciences Radiation Therapy – Clinical Practice 4

Information for Clinical Mentors

2022 DATES 8 week clinical placement: 3 May – 25 June

Thank you for supervising this **Year 4 student**. The student is completing their final year of the Radiation Therapy program, progressing towards entry level practitioner (no supervised practice program required). The **Clinical Practice 4 (CP4)** placement is the second of four clinical courses that are completed during their final year.

Prior to the CP4 clinical placement, the student has participated in a 4-day pre-clinical workshop at the University. Topics covered in the pre-clinical workshop were:

- CV writing and job applications
- Interview skills
- CBCT matching
- Treatment planning: electron, IMRT head and neck, and proton therapy
- Patient communication: first day chats

STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESSION THROUGH CLINICAL COURSES:

Due to the impact of COVID on clinical placements, student progression through clinical courses will be based on the achievement of learning outcomes for the clinical course. I.e., if the student has met the course outcomes it will be deemed they are ready to progress to the next clinical course, regardless of the amount of time spent on clinical placement. Students will only be required to make up time if it is deemed that they have not reach the required competency level for the clinical course they are undertaking.

We would also like to remind supervisors to assess whether the student is at the expected level by the end of CP4, **regardless of the amount of time missed**. The student is required to demonstrate that they are an independent student as described in the “Supervision Guidelines” document.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS FOR PLACEMENT:

- The main objective of the placement is to continue to fully participate in radiation therapy procedures which give the student an opportunity to apply what they have learnt.
- Students are to continue to complete their planning and treatment competencies and participation records.
- In the clinical workbook there is a final summative report to be filled in by the student reflecting on their experience. Once the student has completed this reflection, the report is to be completed by the **Clinical Supervisor in the clinical department** in collaboration with the mentors involved with that student during their placements.
- Students will exhibit **safe practice** and **professional behaviour**.

Safe practice	Professional behaviour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates awareness of manual handling principles in patient and staff safety • Demonstrates safe application of all equipment • Is responsible for patient and personal safety • Does not put other persons in the workplace at any risk • Demonstrates an awareness of infection control practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly wears the student identification badge at all times • Wears a current Luxel at all times in accordance with the Medical Radiation Luxel policy • Is punctual at all times in accordance with the Medical Radiation attendance policy • Maintains confidentiality of staff and patient information at all times • Maintains personal hygiene and dress as stated in the Medical Radiation Uniform policy • Behaves in a professional manner to colleagues, supervisors, patients and their families at all times.