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# Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

Student placement partnerships — preparing students for you



## Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

One of Australia's leading educators of health professionals with:

Nearly 6,000 undergraduate students



1,670 postgraduate students



1,250 international students



# 207,000

Approximate placement days our allied health partners provide each year

Equating to approximately

# 1.5 million hours

of student placements

Most students studying a health discipline must complete assessable placements as part of their degree program.

Our placement partnerships represent nursing, midwifery, dentistry, and all segments of the allied health sector, from small private practices to large public health institutions, located in metropolitan, regional and rural Queensland.

It's our placement partners that enable us to better prepare our students to meet the emerging needs of the health sector and expectations of the community.

## 15 disciplines across six schools

- Audiology
- Counselling
- Dentistry
- Exercise Physiology
- Exercise and Sports Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

## Placement partner testimonial

*We are a long-standing, community services organisation that continues to have very positive experiences with allied health students from The University of Queensland within our Health and Wellbeing community allied health team. They are always well prepared, come to us ready to learn and provide a positive contribution to our team throughout their placement stay.*

### Heather Gillet

Manager Health and Wellbeing,  
community service provider





## Why become a student placement provider?

As a provider of student placements, you can:

- Get to know students who you may want to employ in the future
- Give back to your profession by contributing to the development of the future workforce
- Shape and influence the future workforce in your profession
- Benefit from the enthusiasm of placement students who will often impart creative ideas and bring new techniques from the latest research
- Have students undertake a project or develop resources that will contribute to your organisation's output
- Benefit from the extra hands; as students progress through their placement, they will value add to your service and the customer experience
- Work collaboratively with UQ to ensure students are practice-ready when they graduate
- Increase your brand awareness amongst the student and academic cohort
- Create long term relationships with UQ that can lead to other forms of collaboration such as research or consultancy.

## What are the benefits of placements for students?

For students, placements provide:

- Quality, hands-on experience that supports and consolidates their university learning
- A practical and realistic context in various settings and environments
- The opportunity to integrate practical application and client services
- Opportunities to learn about your practice so they make informed career choices after graduation.



## How does it work?

Placements vary depending on the discipline, however generally they:

- Are undertaken in blocks, or one or two days per week
- Cover specific learning needs for particular health conditions and settings
- Require supervision from a qualified practitioner (there are some exceptions)
- Provide the student with clinical or non-clinical experience that directly supports their learning at UQ.

## How do we support you?

We know that providing student placements requires a commitment from you, our placement partner, so it is essential we provide you with support to ensure your experience is rewarding and worthwhile. When becoming a placement partner:

- The nominated supervisor/s will be given onboarding from a placement manager representing the placement discipline
- You will have access to resources such as learning assessment tools, manuals and reference materials that will support your supervision
- You may have access to additional training workshops to further the skills of you and your staff
- You will liaise with dedicated student placement staff who will work with you to choose students who are a good fit for your organisation
- Our placement compliance team will ensure students have undertaken the necessary prerequisites required by your organisation such as vaccinations, first aid etc
- You will receive on-going support and guidance through the duration of the placement and be able to provide feedback at the end of each placement that allows us to continue to improve the placement experience for you.

As a valued partner, you can apply to become a UQ Academic Title Holder which recognises health professionals who continually dedicate their time to support student learning and research. Academic Title Holders also enjoy several additional benefits including access to UQ Library, eligibility to join UQ Sport, and a UQ email account, internet and staff web portal access.



*During my final OT placement, I worked with a range of community and residential aged care clients who had vastly differing goals. It was an incredibly rewarding experience. My supervisor enabled me to manage a diverse case load while being there to support me whenever I needed it. I was made to feel like a valued member of a wonderful multidisciplinary team.*

### **Christian**

Fourth Year Occupational Therapy Student

## What do you need to be a placement provider?

- Qualified staff to provide student supervision
- Appropriate protections or insurance coverage including Public Liability and Professional Liability Protection
- A facility that adheres to workplace health and safety regulations and laws
- A supportive environment that will provide students with the opportunity to apply and expand their knowledge, while contributing to your organisation
- A genuine desire to contribute to student education by sharing knowledge and mentoring the next generation of health professionals.

## How do I find out more?

To learn more about becoming a placement provider, email the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences' Partnership Development Manager at [habsplacements@uq.edu.au](mailto:habsplacements@uq.edu.au) or phone 07 3345 3028.



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