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Clinical Placement Outside of University Sessional Dates

All clinical placements are part of a University courses and as such, have precise, University-determined, start and end dates. These are carefully calculated and provided to students via Course Syllabi. It is expected that students will begin and finish their placements on the dates published for each term.

Travel time for placements

Students who need to travel and set-up a new residence are permitted to start their placement 1 day late (i.e. placement start date is Monday 10th therefore this student may start Tuesday 11th). This is to allow enough time for travel and time to settle into their new home surroundings prior to starting their clinical placement.

Placement start-date

Students should expect to start their placements on the date set by the course Lead, in the course syllabus. Any request for a shift in start date must be based on exceptional circumstances and will only be considered where:

- the preceptor is agreeable
- the requested change is for 1 or 2 days only
- there is clear and obvious benefit to a students' learning, AND
- the Course Tutor is available to provide support (should this become necessary) for this additional time in placement.

If a discrete extension like this is approved by the Course Lead, a student CANNOT attend the hospital during this additional time. Only **out of hospital** activities are permitted.

Students must make such requests directly to their Course Lead ahead of the start of placement, and approval will be at their discretion.

Any requests of more than a few days' change in start date must be approved by the Midwifery Student Support Committee (MSSC). If approved, a letter will be sent to the hospital informing them of the student's early start date. Such requests must be made at least 4 weeks before the start of the term.

Placement extensions

An extended placement will only be granted when a clinical learning need has been identified and subsequent remedial plan requiring a revised end date has been approved by the Midwifery Student Support Committee (MSSC). The Midwifery Program Director will review all MSSC recommended extensions to ensure faculty support is available to meet these needs and/or the hiring of additional support faculty as necessary.