

Dear Students,

Please refer to the following links from Queensland Health for information regarding your vocational clinical placements and changed COVID-19 vaccination requirements for students attending Queensland Health facilities. These changes came into effect at 8:00pm Wednesday 7 July 2021. Notification of this change may also be advised through other contacts within your facility.

From 8:00pm Wednesday 7 July 2021, any students who are on a clinical placement in connection with an enrolled course of study must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before they may be permitted to enter a restricted vulnerable facility (hospital, residential aged care, disability accommodation services, or correctional centre).

Any student on a clinical placement who is not fully vaccinated as at 8:00pm on 7 July 2021 will not be permitted to enter a restricted vulnerable facility for the purposes of the placement.

- <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/whats-new>
- <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement/covid-19-and-clinical-placements>

Being fully vaccinated means having both doses of either Pfizer or AstraZeneca. A student should not be taken to be vaccinated if they have only had one dose and are awaiting the second dose. Also, students who cannot be vaccinated due to a contraindication will not be permitted to enter the vulnerable facility while it is restricted.

On 28 July 2021, National Cabinet agreed some changes to vaccination against COVID-19 for the aged care workforce. Specifically:

- COVID-19 vaccinations are to be mandated for residential aged care workers as a condition of working in an aged care facility; and
- that at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine be administered by mid-September 2021 for all residential aged care workforce.

We will check this regularly throughout ordinary operations (every one or two weeks), and more frequently in the case of an extraordinary event. Please note: the best and most accurate source of information regarding clinical placements in Queensland Health facilities is the clinical placements website at <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/clinical-placement>. Changes to the website are routinely provided on the "What's new" page.

Thank you for your understanding and we will support you to go through this period. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to your trainer or student services team.

Regards,



Jason Yang

Group Academic Director

I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above requirements and agree to abide by them.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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