Social Work Field Education Placements in Country South Australia

Students who live in country (rural) South Australia are able to undertake their placements in the location where they are living, provided a suitable placement is available and the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS) 2012 guidelines governing Field Education Placements are able to be met.

Placement opportunities are also available to students living in Adelaide who wish to undertake a placement in a country area.

*Please note placements between and inclusive of Gawler, Murray Bridge and the Fleurieu Peninsula are considered to be located in the Adelaide Metropolitan Area*

Expectations of Students

Students to contact the Field Education Coordinator’s (FEC) with the portfolio responsibility for rural placements in order to obtain more detailed information about placement arrangements in the country. This information will be available on the Social Work Field Education Placements FLO site.

There are restrictions and practicalities when considering placements in rural locations. These are discussed with Field Education Coordination staff, as the circumstances are variable from one location to the next.

Students receive information about placement opportunities and processes for rural and remote placements.

**International Students** wishing to undertake a placement in a rural location can only do so for their Final Placement.

**BSW Students** wishing to undertake a placement in a rural location must be able to meet the topic requirements for attendance at integration seminars and face to face requirements for topics they are enrolled in whilst on placement.
Compliance

Criminal History and Security Checks

The University requires that all Field Education compliance requirements are completed and verified by Social Work Field Education (SWFE) prior to a placement being approved. Students are advised to read the compliance information provided by SWFE carefully to ensure no delays in this process.

Compliance for students undertaking placement in South Australia is in line with all S.A. placement requirements. This includes: Four DHS clearances (Working with Children, Vulnerable Persons, Aged Care and Disability), National Criminal History Check (NCHC) and Safe Environments – Through their eyes training certificate.

Rural and Remote

Human service providers in rural and remote locations are often keen on hosting students. These placements can be limited depending upon the location and priority goes to students living in these locations over and above students from Adelaide/Interstate wishing to undertake a rural/remote placement.

Students usually meet accommodation and other costs. Note there is no public transport in many of these locations. Students often need access to a car to travel to placement and access local services. Country and remote locations where students have previously undertaken placements include:

- Mt Gambier 4.5 hours drive from Adelaide
- Port Pirie 2.5 hours drive from Adelaide
- Port Augusta 3.5 hours drive from Adelaide
- Coober Pedy 9 hours drive from Adelaide
- Whyalla 4.5 hours drive from Adelaide
- Port Lincoln 7.5 hours drive from Adelaide
- Riverland 2.5 hours drive from Adelaide

Placement opportunities are often available in the following organisations:

- SA Health
- Department for Education and Child Development
- Department for Child Protection
- Department for Correctional Services
- Centrelink
- Non-government organisations

Many placements offer on-site social work supervision.