Social Work Field Education Placements
Non SA (Interstate) Placements – Information Sheet

Master of Social Work Students ONLY

Students who live in Australia outside of South Australia are able to undertake their placements in the location where they are living. This is conditional upon a suitable placement being available and upon adherence to the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS) 2012 guidelines governing Field Education Placements. Limited placement opportunities are available to South Australian students wishing to undertake a placement in another state as students living in these locations are prioritised.

MSW Students located outside of South Australia need to read and respond to correspondence received from FLO and swplacements@flinders.edu.au to ensure that a suitable placement in their location can be arranged.

Expectations of Students

Upon receipt of correspondence, students need to, immediately contact the Field Education Coordinator (FEC) with the portfolio responsibility for placements outside of South Australia so detailed information about placement arrangements in specific locations is provided. Appointments are available on FLO to facilitate this.

The expectation is that students will take primary responsibility for making contact with organisations in their location and sourcing their placements with follow up and support from the FEC responsible for this portfolio area.

Placement possibilities are assessed by the Field Education Coordinator to ensure that learning outcomes and the requirements of the ASWEAS are met.

Contact (NSW, VIC, WA, ACT, TAS): ilektra.zabanias@flinders.edu.au
Contact (NT): michael.piotto@flinders.edu.au

Approaching Potential Placement Agencies

There are restrictions and practicalities when considering placements outside of South Australia that require discussion with the relevant Field Education Coordinator, as the circumstances are variable from one state to the next.
Students are required to approach agencies and provide contact information as follows to the relevant FEC:

- Agency and program name
- Contact name
- Contact telephone number
- Email Address

Agencies that are approached are provided with information and all placements are assessed for suitability by the relevant FEC.

**Cross Institutional Transfer**

It is possible for some students who wish to undertake their placements outside of South Australia to apply for Cross-institutional Transfer (enrolling in the topic at another University). This is preferable when considering a placement in another capital city.

**Student Compulsory Compliance requirements**

It is compulsory for students undertaking an interstate placement (including interstate Place of Employment POE placements) to obtain the *Mandatory Reporting equivalent* for your state or territory of a National Police Check.

These requirements are compulsory for students, regardless of your placement agency’s individual compliance requirements. These certificates must be uploaded into InPlace with the Essential Pre-Placement Checks completed.

- National Criminal History Check (NCHC). Students undertaking an interstate placement (including interstate POE placements) must acquire a National Police Certificate (i.e. NSW, VIC, WA, QLD, NT, ACT, TAS). This website: [https://www.nationalcrimecheck.com.au/](https://www.nationalcrimecheck.com.au/) is one way to do this.

- Students must also complete *Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse* training. Check the websites of Child Wise, NAPCAN or your states Child Protection Department for guidance.

Students can also be required to obtain additional checks dependent upon individual agency and state requirements. Additional checks, which are requested by a placement agency, can be applied for once placement arrangements are in place, prior to the start of placement.

Please ensure that you check the requirements for individual organisations when you speak with their representative.

Students also need to become familiar with the University’s field placement management system, InPlace. Students will have their own page on InPlace, where documents will be stored and contain information about placements. Click [here](#) for InPlace User Guide.

If you have questions relating to your compulsory compliance requirements, please contact your Work Integrated Learning (WIL) team via email to swplacements@flinders.edu.au.