Social Work
Field Education Placements

SA Health placement – Information Sheet

The purpose of this document is to provide information to social work students considering whether or not to express an interest in an SA Health placement. Further details on SA Health placement processes will be provided to students allocated to a SA Health placement at a later date in the placement matching process.

Detailed information on SA Health student placement requirements can be found at the following link: Clinical Placement Requirements for Health Care Students June 2018

In addition to the compliance requirements applicable to all students undertaking placements (CSE certificate, DCSI clearances, etc), SA Health has a strict policy around immunisation compliance and verification in order to protect vulnerable service users and SA Health staff from communicable diseases and infections. The full policy can be found at this link: Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive June 2017

For a complete list of the vaccinations required to meet compliance requirements, please click here to view the SA Health Infection and Immunisation Forms A and B.

The Flinders University Health Service provides an immunisation service for students by appointment with a medical officer (doctor or clinical nurse). To book an appointment please visit, http://www.flinders.edu.au/current-students/healthandcounselling

**What is the process for verifying my immunisation status and completing immunisation requirements?**

The first step will be for the medical officer to check and review any evidence you currently possess related to your immunisation status. Students who have been vaccinated but do not have a record of their vaccinations can have a blood test to determine previous vaccinations. If there is insufficient evidence to verify your immunisation status, the medical officer will take a blood sample which will be serologically tested. The results from the serology test will then determine which vaccinations you will require to be compliant with SA Health policy.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure they meet the immunisation requirements and any associated costs. Bulk billing is available for the doctor’s consultation meeting, but the actual vaccinations are an out of pocket cost. Students who do not wish to use the Flinders Health Service are free to organise these services with their own health clinic or GP.

Please note: By expressing your interest in an SA Health placement, you are simply confirming your preparedness to meet the immunisation requirements as detailed above. In addition, expressing an interest in an SA Health placement does not guarantee you a placement within an SA Health agency, as there are a limited number of SA Health placements.