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Social Work Department Student Unit

Student Placements 2015

St Vincent's Social Work Department

This brochure provides information on the Social Work Department and services at St Vincent's Hospital, Caritas Christi and St Georges Health Service.

Inpatient social workers are formally employed through the Social Work Department and allocated to units according to demand.

Under the management of the Chief Social Worker, clinical services are delivered by three teams:

- Acute Aged Care and GEM (AAG)
- Cancer and Chronic Illness (CCI)
- Rehabilitation Acute Link Team (RALT)

Clinical placements

Social work clinical placements are supported by the Social Work Department. As a team we are committed to providing a 'work ready' placement experience that encourages the development of goal orientated learning, skilled supervision, professional development and discipline specific competency programs.

The Social Work Department is formally affiliated with the School of Social Work at the University of Melbourne for providing fieldwork placement opportunities for Social Work students.

10 Reasons to Consider a Social Work Student Placement at St Vincent's

1. We value and respect the contribution of students and welcome you as a guest in our department.
2. We are committed to working collaboratively with students and their university to ensure they are progressively 'workplace ready'.
3. The student group has access to a dedicated space.
4. We are committed to providing quality student placements, organised through a Clinical Educator and a Student Unit Coordinator to address professional, organisational, and student needs.
5. We offer social work placements in acute, sub acute, palliative care units and community programs across St Vincent's. Dual placement opportunities offer a rich and varied health social work experience.
6. We provide a comprehensive and structured orientation program to support your transition into placement, providing foundational knowledge and skills for placement and introduction to your role as a student social worker.
7. We coordinate a comprehensive seminar series throughout the placement. Students are also invited to participate in the Social Work Department Professional Development program.
8. You will have individual supervision by social work staff who have undertaken required training, as well as group supervision facilitated by the Clinical Educator
9. We offer opportunities to develop project work and professional presentations skills.
10. St Vincent's Social work department receives consistently positive feedback from social work students who are on placement.