

Program Requirement

All students enrolled in the **B D K H O R L S W R P % W E H C R S c i e n c e R U 0 D V W R H I U & O L Q L F D O a s w e r e h o w c o m p l e t e** a minimum of 18 days of approved work experience (Stage 5 Preceptorship placement) as part of their studies. This would usually be undertaken as a single 4 (four) week placement.

Preceptorships will take place in an ophthalmic health care setting which can include a hospital eye clinic, private ophthalmology practice or optometry practice. Students should preferably work with an optometrist or ophthalmologist, and take an active role in the care and management of patients, although the experience will vary depending on the individual practice location.

Preceptorships can be within Australia (including Sydney) or overseas. Preceptorships

- o the differential diagnosis and management of ocular conditions and diseases
- o the dispensing of optical appliances
- o the fitting, delivery and aftercare of contact lenses
- x Understand the role of optometrists and optometry in an ophthalmic health care system and the relationship between health care providers
- x Develop skills required for all stages of direct patient contact from booking appointments through to provision of care and develop an appreciation of the requirements of practice management.
- x Appreciate the role of good communication and interpersonal skills in an ophthalmic health care setting

Graduate Attributes developed by the Preceptorship placement

- x *Research, inquiry and analytical thinking abilities.* Preceptorship will further develop student's critical analysis and problem solving ability through involvement in aspects of ophthalmic care including the differential diagnosis and management of disease within

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Teaching Strategies

Learning will primarily be through students having direct clinical experience through patient contact. Verbal feedback from supervisors and self-reflection on performance will identify areas of strength and weakness and students will be encouraged to develop strategies to improve future performance. The written assessment task will allow students to reflect on their experiences.

Compliance

UNSW Optometry and Vision Science students are covered by Liability Insurance while on placements. As part of the requirements for existing placements within the program, students must complete National Criminal History Record Checks, be vaccinated against infectious diseases in line with NSW Health policy directives, be trained in the administration of CPR and read and signed the NSW Health Code of Conduct Agreement. Individual Preceptorship providers may have additional compliance requirements. Where necessary, these requirements must be completed
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