Albury Wodonga Health Albury Community Health Centre - Speech Pathology Placements

Welcome to the Albury Community Health Centre of Albury Wodonga Health. It’s a great place to work so we hope you enjoy your placement with us!

The Albury Community Health Centre is located at 596 Smollett Street Albury. Limited free parking for staff is available behind the Community Health Centre building (entry via Smollett Street or Kiewa Street).

Community Health Centre Main Reception Phone: (02) 60581800

Albury Community Health Speech Pathology Student Coordinator: Marijke Denton.
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Speech Pathology placements (Albury Community Health Centre)

Speech pathology at Albury Community Health is a regional community health service with a role in primary prevention, Aboriginal health, early childhood and primary school aged services, and clinical services including a feeding clinic. We see NSW children 0-12 years who have communication or feeding problems that are NOT associated with intellectual disability.

Students have the opportunity to work in a variety of contexts including rural outreach, early childhood and school based services, Aboriginal health services, interprofessional community engagement projects and a variety of clinic based and multidisciplinary programs. Your Clinical Educator will discuss with you the areas you will be working in and provide guidance regarding preparation activities for your placement once you have started your placement.

Generic Information

Supervision and support
For each placement you will be allocated a primary clinical educator. This is the person who coordinates your placement and is responsible for planning your learning needs with you and your mid placement and final evaluation. During your placement you are likely to work with a range of other health professionals both within and outside speech pathology. You will also work in a range of contexts including health facilities and other services.

Your educator(s) work to provide you with a positive learning experience while maintaining quality client services. This means that some learning experiences may be cancelled or modified at short notice.
Throughout your placement you will receive a mix of direct and indirect supervision. A range of factors such as the complexity of the activity/roles you are undertaking and your level of skills and knowledge determine the degree of supervision. You will be given opportunity to discuss with your supervisor the types of supervision and support that will be provided, within both the capacity of your supervisor and your own supervision requirements.

**Lunch**

There are lots of lovely places to eat lunch. Most of us congregate in the Community Health staffroom and sometimes in the courtyard when weather permits; please come and join us. Lunch can also be a good time to visit the botanic gardens or have a quick walk and get some fresh air.

We recommend you bring your own lunch. There is a staff fridge, microwave, toaster and sandwich maker as well as coffee, tea and milo facilities. There are cafes and food outlets close to the Centre but these can get costly if used on a regular basis.

**Access to the building:**

Student teams will be allocated a pass to allow access to sections of the building that are have restricted public access. General building and personal security will be discussed when you commence placement.

**Computer access:**

Generic access to computers will be provided for access to the speech pathology drive, and other useful applications. This login doesn’t automatically have internet available but can be arranged if necessary. Many students bring their own laptops and internet service. There is no Wi-Fi available.

**Dress Code:**

Our department doesn’t have a specified uniform but students are welcome to wear a uniform if indicated by their university. We recommend wearing clothing that is clean, safe, professional and appropriate for working with children in a variety of (sometimes messy) contexts. Please be mindful of how your clothing complies with work health safety requirements, particularly hand hygiene and infection control. Our building and other work sites are variable in their temperature. We recommend dressing in ‘layers’ to accommodate temperature fluctuations.

**Lockers:**

There are no lockers available, however a filing cabinet in the student room has space for personal belongings and can be locked.

**Photocopying / FAX / Printing:**

The photocopier is located behind Reception. This machine services all of the building and is also the main printer and fax machine. The fax number is 02 60581801.

If you have any concerns or questions during your placement please do not hesitate to ask one of us.
Allied and other Paediatric Health Teams at Albury Community Health Centre

**Paediatric Physiotherapy**
The Physios that work at community health are paediatric physiotherapists. They are trained in child development, they can assess motor skills and identify problems with muscle and joint development, movement quality and coordination.

**Paediatric Occupational Therapy**
The Occupational Therapists that work at Community Health are Paediatric Occupational Therapists. They are trained in child development and the analysis and promotion of abilities when performing everyday tasks.

**Allied Health Assistance**
The Allied Health Assistant at Community Health works alongside the Allied Health team assisting them in programs, groups and outreach.

**Dietetics**
The Dietitians at community Health provide expert nutrition and dietary advice to individuals and families.

**SPOD clinic – Developmental Assessment Clinic for children under 3 years.**
Departments: Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Dietetics (Paediatric register by arrangement/availability)

Target Group: Children under 3 years who may need support in a number of developmental domains i.e. general development, feeding & eating, motor skills (crawling and walking), play, speech and language.

**Feeding clinic**
Department/s: Speech Pathology, Dietetics (and Occupational Therapy as required)

Target Group: Children that have one or more difficulty with eating and/or nutrition. This may include: fussy eating; ongoing problems with gagging/choking; avoiding whole food groups; difficulties with breast or bottle feeding; & poor weight gain.

Purpose: Joint clinic to assess and develop feeding skills and behaviours. Feeding Clinic uses the SOS Principles and therapists are Accredited SOS Practitioners.

**Nurse Audiometrist**
The nurse Audiometrist provides a middle ear health check and hearing assessment to children aged from 12 months to 18 years.

**Early Childhood Nursing**
The Child and Family Health nurses provide support to parents and families from newborns to 5 years.

**Completing the orientation package**
Reading this annexe was Step 2 in a 3 step orientation package. Please now return to the generic orientation package in Survey Monkey which you should still have open on your computer. This is the final step of the orientation package.