Students are expected to contact placement supervisor/s by email at least two weeks prior to the placement to discuss expectations. The university will provide the supervisor’s email address.

**Community Public Health Nutrition Placement**

**Wodonga Campus or Albury Community Health:**

Throughout this placement the student will work on a nutrition project and undertake small group education sessions. The project involves the process of planning, conducting and evaluating a community nutrition program. The topic for the community nutrition program is set by the program supervisor/s and is based on client and service needs.

Students will be expected to research relevant topics related to the project prior to commencement of the placement. This is in accordance with the University requirements for the Community Public Health Nutrition placement.

**Food Services Placement- Albury or Wodonga Campus**

The primary objective of Clinical Services in the Nutrition Department is to provide and promote a high level of nutritional care for inpatients. We anticipate the Food Services placement projects will enhance this care.

During your placement here, you will investigate and develop your Food Services Project and present your findings to both the Dietitians and Food Service employees.

Your project will have been developed in collaboration with Food Services and your University to ensure it will meet your competency standards. Staff from food Services and Dietetics are available for guidance with your work.
Clinical Placements at Albury Wodonga Health

In the clinical placement you will be given the opportunity to see patients in the acute, subacute and outpatient setting. You will work as part of a multidisciplinary team including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, speech pathology, nursing, medical and an allied health assistant.

The caseload will consist mostly of adult patients of varying ages and with a wide variety of medical conditions, often with complex socioeconomic backgrounds.

All referrals to dietitian must be prioritised – referrals may include nutritional assessment for enteral and parenteral nutrition, diabetes, stroke, malnutrition, chronic lung or heart disease and post-surgical patients.

Essential equipment to bring on placement includes:

- Griffith handbook or equivalent
- Calculator
- Any books, textbooks, ready reckoners etc. which you feel will be helpful

Please research the following to prepare for your placement:

1. Research the common conditions we see on the acute wards – Diabetes, Stroke, COPD, CCF, NSTEMI, Malnutrition, Nutritional Supplements for Malnutrition, Refeeding Syndrome.
2. How to calculate nutritional requirements for all age groups including enteral and parenteral nutrition.
3. Consider what educational material might be appropriate for patients to receive for each condition.