

STUDENT PLACEMENT POLICY

Policy Statement

It is desirable to encourage student placement to increase knowledge about Victim Support Service and awareness of victims' issues, as well as to contribute to the development of boarder relevant practice principles.

Aims

- To increase student awareness and understanding.
- To support students in their practical learning.
- To generate awareness of victim issues and provide exposure to the field of trauma work.
- To enable Victim Support Service to gain access to extra assistance to focus on specific projects where possible.

Placement Opportunities

- Counselling placements, (Only 4th year Uni SA, post graduate Flinders Uni social work students and Clinical Masters Psychology students Uni SA will be considered).
- Research placements
- Community Development Placement
- Policy Placements
- Other relevant special projects placements

Students will be required to be matched appropriately for each placement type and in particular demonstrate a level of maturity and ability to understand the concept of self care to be eligible for a Counselling placement.

Procedure

- Maintain contact with course administrators with particular emphasis on social work courses.
- Receive request for placement and bring to relevant forum eg Manager, Counsellor's meetings, TLC, for discussion.
- Ascertain student needs, ideas for supervision emphasis and skills to be enhanced e.g. counselling, group work, presentation skills.
- Identify a student supervisor.
- Ensure no significant overlap with other placement.
- Discuss and document a placement plan and evaluation process for the completion of placement.
- Student commences and receives induction.
- Regular professional supervision and support occurs throughout placement.

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