

PREVOCATIONAL MEDICAL TRAINING FOR DOCTORS IN NEW ZEALAND



Additional accreditation standards for community based clinical attachments

Introduction

Every intern is required to complete one clinical attachment in a community based setting over the course of the intern training programme. Council approved a staged transition, with a goal of 10% of interns completing a community based clinical attachment in the year commencing November 2015 and working towards 100% compliance by November 2020. Training providers will need to demonstrate progress over this period.

If a training provider wishes a clinical attachment to be recognised as a community based attachment, then the clinical attachment will need to meet both:

1. *Accreditation standards for clinical attachments, and*
2. *Additional accreditation standards for community based attachments.*

These standards will need to be considered in conjunction with the *Accreditation standards for training providers*.

1 Community based clinical attachments

- 1.1 The clinical attachment is community focused.
- 1.2 The intern has opportunity to be engaged in caring for the patient and managing their illness in the context of their family and the community.
- 1.3 The clinical attachment provides opportunity for the community management of medical illness and/or mental health, which may include early detection of disease, population health surveillance and acute and chronic care management.
- 1.4 The clinical attachment provides opportunity to gain an understanding of the role of the vocational scope of general practice within the wider health care network.
- 1.5 The clinical attachment provides for direct contact with patients.
- 1.6 The attachment familiarises interns with the delivery of health care outside the hospital setting, including an understanding of the interface between primary and secondary care.

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- (i) Community attachments can take place in a wide variety of settings, including but not exclusive to general practice and urgent care.
- (ii) The clinical attachments will not usually include a hospital-based attachment, with the exception of rural hospitals that have been accredited for rural hospital vocational training that are run predominately by doctors registered in the vocational scope of general practice or rural hospital medicine.