Graduate Diploma of Mammography (GDM)
Clinical Placement Agreement

This letter serves as confirmation of access to clinical placement during the student’s enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Mammography at Charles Sturt University. Students will be employed in a supernumerary capacity as student mammographic technologists.

The reverse side of this letter must be completed in full and submitted by the prospective student as a part of the admissions process.

Clinical Placement - Overview workplace learning
During this course, students will undertake two and a half days of clinical placement each week for 41 weeks, with BreastScreen Australia or in an approved private radiology practice. Students will spend the first two weeks in the designated BreastScreen unit/private radiology practice in orientation. This time period is one of observation. Students will be able to observe radiographers performing their role within the screening program/private radiology practice and have the opportunity to see basic positioning techniques, the use of the equipment, and client/radiographer interaction.

The initial clinical training period
The initial clinical training period will be undertaken by an allocated clinical tutor. The clinical tutor will spend a period of at least two weeks working one on one with students to teach them the basics of screening/routine diagnostic mammography. During this time students will complete a minimum of 50 supervised mammograms.

Ongoing clinical training
Following the initial clinical training period students will move into the ongoing clinical training phase of the program. This initial training period will take 3-4 months. Following this, students should be capable of performing screening mammography/routine diagnostic mammography at a rate equivalent to other members of the team, and should be able to complete screening lists/mammogram appointments alongside more experienced radiographers.

Time spent in an assessment centre
Students are required to spend a minimum of 10 days in an assessment clinic/performing diagnostic work up during the course.

Student Requirements
All students are required to be fully immunised with a fully completed Vaccination Record Card from NSW Health. Students will be required to cover costs of immunisation, First Aid, uniforms and appropriate background checks and travel to the clinical sites. If placement is in Queensland students will also require a Radiation Licence.
Students will require a letter from the University to accompany the Radiation Licence application. Please contact the Administrative Officer Workplace Learning for a copy of this letter.
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Name of Student: ______________________________

Name of Site: ________________________________

Site Address: ________________________________________

Name of Tutor: ________________________________

Tutors phone: ______________________________________

Tutors e-mail: ______________________________________

Signed Prospective Student _________________________

Signed Unit Manager/Tutor Radiographer ______________

Date _________________________

Date _________________________

Comments: _______________________________________

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