

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. Frequently asked questions about placement

#### Can I do a placement with my current employer / in my workplace?

- One placement in the student's workplace is permitted, providing certain conditions are met.
- The proposed placement has to be in an area/field of practice different from the student's normal duties and in which they have no previous experience.
- Students who undertook the professional practice assessment strand instead of a first placement cannot undertake their second placement in any field of practice associated with their work history or that they used for their first professional practice assessment

#### Can I do an overseas placement?

- Yes - for the second field education subject; and if the placement is indirect and you can speak the local language sufficiently for the purposes of the placement.
- This means you have to make sure the first placement is the direct placement (interpersonal skills)
- Students who went with the PPA strand for their first field education subject cannot do an overseas placement.

#### When can I start my placement?

- Students enrolled in a placement for the first time at CSU must complete and pass Assessment 1 before they can start their placement. The earliest starting date is mid April for those completing assessment 1.
- Students who have participated in the PPA strand will have completed this as part of the PPA assignments.
- Students who have successfully completed their first placement and are enrolled in second field education subject are able to start their second placement anytime after Session One commences.
- It is not possible to commence a placement during Session Three (December to late February). It is the University's expectation that students plan on completing their placements by the end of the Second Session.

#### Who should I contact for more information?

- For inquiries about Social Work Field Education including the PPA Strand: [HumanServices-WPL@csu.edu.au](mailto:HumanServices-WPL@csu.edu.au)
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