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Weekend

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Night Duty

Clinical Placement Guidelines

for

Supernumerary Students

(Years 2, 4 & 4)

Night Duty Guidelines for Supernumerary Placements for BSc Nursing and BSc Midwifery Students (Year 2, 3 & 4 only)

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Night Duty Guidelines for Supernumerary Placements Year 2, 3 and 4 only

- Students are not expected to have practice placement experiences on nights during supernumerary clinical placement, unless they (the student) specifically want to gain an experience which only occurs at that time or have caring responsibilities. This can only be conducted/organized pending prior agreement with the CPC, CDC, CNM/CMM and Preceptor.
- Requests from supernumerary students in years 2, 3 and 4 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. It may not be possible to accommodate students receiving additional learning supports on night duty placement. There is no CPC or link lecturer support available to students during night duty placements.
- Students on supernumerary placement can request to be scheduled for night duty in core and discipline-specific placement areas (*This is not applicable to specialist placements, with the exceptions of Accident and Emergency Department and Paediatrics*). Additionally, it is only applicable for placement areas where appropriate learning and support is available.
- Students who request night duty placement will need to negotiate this in advance with their Preceptor, Clinical placement co-ordinator (CPC) or Clinical Development Co-ordinator (CDC) and Clinical Nurse/Midwife Manager (CNM/CMM).
- In facilitating student requests, the following needs to be considered: Students ordinarily should complete **no more than** two or three nights per supernumerary year; however, this is negotiable pending student requests.
- Students who request night duty placement will only be scheduled on Monday to Thursday nights inclusive.

Note:

Occasionally, where appropriate support and learning is not available by day, a student may be asked to consider doing placement on nights. Students can decline, as night duty is not the norm for supernumerary students.

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Background: In response to queries received with regards completing clinical placement at weekends from supernumerary students, the following is being offered as a pilot for one academic year starting October 2022 for supernumerary students in years 2, 3 and 4.

This pilot programme is on a request basis from students:

- Students are not expected to have practice placement experiences at weekends during supernumerary clinical placement, unless they (*the student*) specifically want to gain an experience which only occurs at that time, have caring responsibilities or they are making-up practice placement hours (*to a maximum of 12 hours in any week*). This can only be conducted/organized pending prior agreement with the CPC, CDC, CNM/CMM and Preceptor.
- Requests from supernumerary students in years 2, 3 and 4 will be considered on a case-by-case basis in clinical areas that have CPC support available Monday to Friday only. Additionally, it is only applicable for placement areas where appropriate learning and support is available. It may not be possible to accommodate students receiving additional learning supports at weekends. There is no CPC or link lecturer support available to students during weekends.

Note: This option for supernumerary students in years 2, 3 and 4 is being piloted for academic year 2022/23.