

Edith Cowan University



Faculty of Engineering, Health and Science

Orientation process
Pre-Practicum Preparation for
Health Students

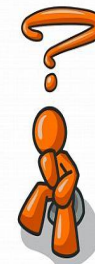
In order to attend clinical practice placements, clinical facilities require that you are fully protected against risk and that the University collects evidence that you have addressed known risks. This process is known as: **Pre-practicum Preparation for Health Students.**

Working with Children Clearance

Application Forms are available from Student Central. Student Central complete pages 6 & 7 of the form. Applications are then made in person at your **local Post Office** and a **fee of \$10.30** is charged. Your photograph will be taken at the time of lodgement. You must be 18yrs old to apply for this card.

WA DoH & DET National Criminal History Record Check

Application forms are available from the Pre-Practicum web site. A fee of \$33 is payable or your application is free if you attach a National Police Clearance Certificate, within 12 months from date of issue, to your application.



National Police Clearance

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<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/OurServices/PoliceChecks/tabid/1202/Default.aspx#NPC>

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Applications may take up to 1 month to process; Bear this in mind with the timing of your 1st practicum

Hepatitis B Vaccination

If you have not previously had Hep B vaccinations, you are advised to commence your *six month course* when you receive your pre-practicum information during the first two weeks of commencing at ECU.

Serology is required & can be performed one month after the final vaccination.

If your serology result shows no immunity to Hep B, you must make an appointment to see the GP/Clinical Placement Coordinator in your School

Vaccinations

Please make an appointment to see the ECU Student Health Service Dr or your GP to assess your pre-practicum vaccination requirements. You may need serology for Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella if you have no evidence of previous vaccination. You will need to show evidence of vaccination against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis.

Serology results should be available at your Dr's, for discussion, up to 1-2 weeks later.

Quantiferon & Mantoux Test

The ECU Student Health Service Centre or your G.P. can assess whether you require a Quantiferon or Mantoux test. These tests are performed by Clinipath, Western Diagnostics and St John of God Pathology Centres.

DO NOT go to the Perth Chest Clinic for your Mantoux test

Prior to any clinical placement, once you have acquired all your documentation, please make an appointment to see your School Co-ordinator of Clinical Placements, to hand in your Pre-Practicum Preparation for Health Students Portfolio. At your appointment, original copies will need to be sighted.

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The Contract of Agreements for clinical placements that ECU holds with the Department of Health and private organisations, requires that Pre-Practicum Preparation for Health Students documentation from each and every student is collected. This is to protect both the student and the client.

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If a student engages or procures child-related work for five days or less in a calendar year, the student falls under the Five Day Threshold and the student will need to discuss with the Clinical Coordinator to determine if a WCC Check is necessary

Valid for three
years

ECU needs a
copy for their
records

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Process if you already have obtained a WWC Card from another employer/organisation

- **Students will need to show Student Central (Building 18) their current WCC card so a copy can be taken for the University records.**
- **ECU is then added as a secondary employer for those students with the Working with Children Screening Unit.**

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If you have had a course of Hep B vaccination, serology is required to demonstrate immunity.

If your serology result shows no immunity to Hep B, you must make an appointment to see the GP/Clinical Placement Coordinator

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The National Police Certificate can only be submitted with your application for no fee, if it is less than 12 months since screening

DoH Criminal Screening cards are valid for three years

A comprehensive document commenting on all immunisation requirements is available on the following web address:

<http://www.health.wa.gov.au/circularsnew/pdfs/12275.pdf>

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**Serology results should be available at your G.P.'s,
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Should your test result show no immunity, a chest x-ray will be required and a statement from your GP regarding ability to attend a clinical placement

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Documents within the Portfolio:

- Pre-Practicum Preparation for Health Students Checklist
- Discipline Specific Requirements for clinical practice
- Hep B. Information

Additional documents required:

National Police Certificate = Australia Post or online

DoH National Criminal History Record Check = on Web site

**Upon completion of this package you
will be provided with a card to
indicate that ECU has evidence of you
meeting clinical placements Pre-
Practicum Preparation requirements
for health students.**

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Your Name

has completed the Pre-Practicum Preparation for
Health Students portfolio requirements for ECU
Documentation sighted Semester x, 20xx.

- **Serology results for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella and Hepatitis B show immunity**
- **Immunity to Tuberculosis**
- **Vaccinated against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis**
- **National Police Clearance**
- **Department of Health Criminal Screening Clearance**

**You are responsible for carrying with you at all times
on clinical placement the following:**

Working with Children Card

DoH Criminal Clearance Card

National Police Certificate – Aged Care

ECU Pre-Practicum Preparation for Health Students

Management Card



**Contact the person managing
Pre-Practicum Preparation in
your School**