ECU clinic space - Utilisation Principles

(situated within the ECU Health Centre (Wanneroo))

Background
Located on Level 2 of the ECU Health Centre is the ECU Psychological Services Centre. Within the ECU Psychological Services Centre, ECU has created the ECU clinic space, which occupies 565m² (see Appendix 1: Level 2 Floor Plan). The ECU clinic space includes a reception and waiting area, 2 joinable meeting rooms, 6 consulting rooms, 1 observation room, 3 offices for ECU Psychological Services Centre staff, a student hot desk area and a large lunch room that can serve all healthcare staff in the building. The remainder of the building will be let to commercial tenants, preferably offering healthcare services.

ECU has formed the ECU Health Centre Committee to oversee all aspects of the operations of the Centre, including the assessment of applications from ECU stakeholders requesting the use of the ECU clinic space.

Utilisation
A significant driver in establishing the ECU clinic space was the relocation of the ECU Psychological Services Centre, and preference will be given to its operational needs.

ECU stakeholders are encouraged to apply to deliver programs from the ECU clinic space for clinical training, teaching or research purposes.

Applications will be submitted to the Project Coordinator, Strategic Initiatives, within the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Partnerships). The application process is guided by the following principles.

Principles

1. The ECU clinic space can be allocated to ECU Research Centres/Institutes, Schools, or other university units, not to individuals.
2. Services delivered from the ECU clinic space may be led by external organisations working in partnership with ECU Schools/Centres.
3. Priority access is given to the ECU Psychological Services Centre.
4. The ECU clinic space will be used to create clinical placement opportunities through the delivery of health and wellness services to clients, and access to clients and health providers for research activities.
5. The ECU clinic space is not to be used to conduct administrative or operational functions.
6. Applications for programs/projects should demonstrate that they meet one or more of the following utilisation objectives:
   a. Encouraging and enhancing interprofessional learning, teaching and translational research;
   b. Increasing clinical training placement opportunities in acute care, primary health care and/or community care settings;
   c. Research outcomes which inform teaching in health disciplines;
   d. Clinical service provision which is directly related to research and/or teaching;
   e. Increased collaboration in teaching, research, service delivery and/or clinical training with external partners (e.g. community organisations, government agencies, other universities, etc.); or
   f. Achievement of, or compliance with, relevant accreditation standards for the health discipline specifically related to clinical training programs, teaching and research.
7. Programs/projects delivered from the ECU clinic space should, to the greatest practical extent, enhance the range of services provided to clients of the ECU Health Centre and integrate with services currently delivered.

8. The ECU organisational unit running a program or project is responsible for its clinical governance and business continuity planning.

9. Allocated ECU clinic space is not automatically retained by the ECU organisational unit at the conclusion of the nominated program/project period.

10. No physical modifications are to be made to the ECU clinic space without the approval of the ECU Health Centre Committee.

11. The ECU stakeholder using the ECU clinic space is responsible for providing all operational requirements including computer hardware and software, specialised equipment, stationery, and administrative support for the program/project.

12. Where possible, shared use of the ECU clinic space will be supported to maximise space utilisation, support interprofessional learning and integration of programs, and reduce costs.

13. Research, teaching and service provision programs should be aligned with ECU’s Strategic Plan, and must be compliant with relevant ECU policies and by-laws, available through the ECU Policy Database.

14. Programs to be delivered at the ECU clinic space must meet all relevant occupational safety and health standards and comply with the ECU Occupational Safety and Health Policy.

Applications

- ECU stakeholders wishing to utilise the ECU clinic space must complete the ECU clinic space – Application Form. The form is available here or by emailing the Project Coordinator, Strategic Initiatives, at j.krom@ecu.edu.au.
- Members of the ECU Health Centre Committee Executive will assess applications according to the space allocation principles and availability and endorse as appropriate.
- The Manager, Strategic Relationships Management will approve applications.
- The ECU Health Centre Committee is informed of projects and programs utilising the ECU clinic space at ECU Health Centre Committee meetings.
- The program/project’s goals and outcomes which are aimed at improvements in teaching, research and/or clinical training should be clearly articulated in the application.
- Other relevant material to support the application should be attached to the ECU clinic space – Application Form.
- Applicants will be required to submit annually a short report to the Committee on the outcomes of the use of the ECU clinic space. Reports should include at a minimum:
  - Details of how the programs achieved their objectives;
  - Details of any clinical training provided (numbers of students, clinical placement hours, numbers of clients, professional development and/or training for clinical supervisors);
  - Research outcomes and how they will inform teaching; and
  - Overall outcomes of the program.

Please allow four weeks for the processing of new and ECU clinic space applications and extension requests.

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Appendix One: ECU clinic space floor plan

Consulting rooms (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) are carpeted and have a desk and lounge furniture for counselling purposes. There is a hand-basin in each room.

Viewing Room has a 2-way mirror for observation into consulting rooms 3 and 4.

Storage Room for records and equipment used in Group Rooms

Group Room #1

Group Room #2

ECU Hot Desks

Reception

Waiting Room

Viewing Room

Offices for ECU Psychological Services Centre staff

Staff Room/Lounge for all healthcare staff and students in the entire ECU Health Centre building

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