Northside Clinical School

2016 Guide

Redcliffe Hospital
Caboolture Hospital
The Prince Charles Hospital

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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Welcome

Welcome medical students to your placements at the Northside Clinical School. Our School is comprised of three Metro-North Health Service District hospitals; The Caboolture, Redcliffe and Prince Charles. Approximately 900,000 people are resident within the district which accounts for more than 20% of the Queensland population in 0.2% of the total area of Queensland.

More about the Health Service District

The MNHHS incorporates all major health specialities including medicine, surgery, psychiatry, oncology, women’s and newborn, trauma and more than 30 sub-specialities. As an overview, a 2013-14 profile is provided below:

- Investment in care: $2,155,269,907
- Sites: 5 hospitals, 11 community health centres, oral & mental health facilities and 5 subacute sites totalling over 2,200 available beds
- Hospital admissions: 206,478 people admitted
- Ambulance arrivals: 86,567 ambulance arrivals handled by our emergency departments
- Emergency: 254,768 attendances
- Outpatient services: 821,760 people received care as outpatients at 1,939 clinics
- Surgical operations: 9,007 emergency and 27,646 elective operations performed
- Children: 22,235 children under age 19 were admitted to MNHHS children’s wards and neonatal units
- Births: 8,017 babies born at our facilities
- Mental health: 232,557 client contacts
- Community health: 258,569 hours of direct primary care
- X-ray and ultrasound: 260,120 x-ray and ultrasound attendances
- Dental: 729,805 weighted occasions of service
- Breast screens: 41,120 breast screens performed
- Pharmacy: 79,623 number of pharmaceutical items dispensed

Metro-North is the largest community catchment in the state, and has a combined staff of over 12,000. The district is actively involved in community health, providing such services as: Coordination, Rehabilitation and Consultation Services, Community Post-Acute Services, Palliative Care and Alcohol and Drug Services. Considering the size of the Northside Clinical School, a strong and cooperative relationship with Queensland Health is a necessity. Joint initiatives and policies have been established and are actively supported to ensure the Mission and Visions of both entities are met, with a joint focus on Patients, Students and Staff.
About the Northside Clinical School

Founded in 2009, the Northside Clinical School now supports up to 130 medical students spread across its hospitals. While the majority of these students are UQ MBBS/MD the NCS also supports students from other institutions such as Bond, Griffith, JCU and QUT. You can also expect to be collocated among Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiology and other health science students.

Our Hospitals

Redcliffe – A major hospital located on the Peninsula, Redcliffe has a keen interest in medical education. It provides services including emergency, medical, surgical, orthopaedics, obstetrics, paediatrics, rehabilitation and specialised patient clinics.

Caboolture – A key facility located north and inland of the peninsula. With a new key focus on research, Caboolture services one of the fast-growing populations in Queensland. It also services areas such as emergency, medical, surgical, orthopaedics, obstetrics, paediatrics, rehabilitation and specialised patient clinics.

TPCH – Major tertiary level hospital for Queensland and the largest such unit in Australia. Co-located with the private Holy Spirit Northside, the hospital provides emergency, general medical and surgical services, orthopaedics and rehabilitation services. It also supports several community outreach specialist services throughout the state.

On-Site Support

We have Student Coordinators based at each site. These Coordinators are your direct contact at the hospital, and can assist with any placement issues as well as discipline assessment, examinations, leave, and any other problems you may have during your hospital placement. In addition each site also has a UQ appointed Deputy Head of Clinical School and a supporting contact for each discipline.

Each site also has access to UQ School of Medicine PC’s within its QH Library, giving UQ students full access to Blackboard, Si-NET and the Libraries research databases. Students are able to access EDUROAM while onsite. Please discuss availability with your relevant Student Coordinator.

Our goal is to create and support a dynamic teaching and learning environment to mentor students who will become the local community workforce of tomorrow.
Contacts

The Northside Clinical School comprises of a support team of Academic and Professional staff. This staff supports the discipline curricula, medical students & placements and large the onsite teaching workforce.

Academic Staff

Prof. Ian Yang – Head, Northside Clinical School.
A/Prof. Wayne Hazell – Deputy Head, Northside Clinical School (TPCH)
Dr. Alka Kothari – Deputy Head, Northside Clinical School (Redcliffe)
Dr. John Waugh – Deputy Head, Northside Clinical School (Caboolture)
Dr Ben Bidstrup – Deputy Head, Northside Clinical School (Holy Spirit Northside)

Professional Staff

Mr Morgan Wright – CSTL, Clinical School Team Leader.
Sally Cheng – Student Coordinator (TPCH)
Denise Schultz – Student Coordinator (TPCH)
Mark Livett – Student Coordinator (Redcliffe)
Liz De Boer – Student Coordinator (Caboolture)

For specific contact details, please reference your Hospital Guide

Generic Email Addresses

For general local Clinical School enquiries (or if you are unsure) please use the Northside Clinical School generic email. It is monitored by our staff and emails will be forwarded to the most relevant person:

northsideCS@som.uq.edu.au

We encourage you to remember that your support network extends beyond your placement site. For any general SOM student enquiries such as Special Consideration or swap requests please contact:

Som3&4enquiries@som.uq.edu.au

The UQMS offers peer assisted support and advice from fellow medical students. Support officers are located at every Clinical School. Additional contact details can be found on the UQMS website:

www.uqms.org