The University of Queensland, School of Medicine  
Critical Care (MEDI4019) Clinical Placement  
Approval Process to Undertake Critical Care Intrastate/ Interstate/Overseas

Students who intend to undertake the Critical Care at a site apart from the UQ Clinical Schools (Queensland and Overseas) are required to submit an application to the Head of Discipline of Anaesthesiology & Critical Care with details relating to the proposed Rotation.

The application form and further information can be located in the by the following pathway:

- MBBS Student Resources →
- International Placements →
- Applying for an International Placement →
- Critical Care

The approval process is summarised as follows:

Students submit the application forms to Discipline Coordinator – Anaesthesiology & Critical Care (acc.admin@somc.uq.edu.au) at least 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the placement

**Only completed application forms will be accepted for consideration.**

The Head of Discipline will decide the suitability of the proposed Rotation. Initial approval will be granted provided that all the requirements are met.

In order to obtain the final approval, students are required to provide the following document:

A letter of acceptance from the supervising consultant for each specialty (on the hospital/university letterhead and with the consultant’s signature).

Students will be notified of the outcome of their applications by the Discipline once the above mentioned documents are received within the application deadlines. Thereafter the applications should follow the process outlined in the Clinical Placement Guidelines.

*Students are advised NOT to make any travel arrangements until the final approval has been granted by the Head of Discipline.*
Below are guidelines to provide information for the external location to be considered as a satisfactory site for Critical Care:

1. It is preferable for the whole 8 week rotation to be undertaken in one location only. However, if it is completed at multiple locations, they must be all outside Queensland.

2. The external location must be able to provide hands-on clinical experience in anaesthesia, intensive care and emergency medicine, so as to develop clinical and practical skills in managing the acutely ill patient. Students also need to learn and gain theoretical and practical knowledge in anaesthesia, care of the patient in emergency and care of the patient in intensive care.

3. Of the eight week rotation, the student must spend four weeks in emergency medicine, as well as two to three weeks in anaesthesia and the remaining time in intensive care.

4. The location needs to provide the student with IT access and internet access to allow for completion of all on-line components of Critical Care. It is the responsibility of the student to complete all components within the time allocated. The time allocated will always be referenced to Queensland time, rather than time at the external location. The student is expected to complete all tasks of Critical Care in parity with UQ students at a clinical school.

5. A clinical supervisor for Critical Care must be present at the location and there must be a recognised intensive care physician, emergency care physician and anaesthetist to supervise and teach in the relevant specialty.

6. The CPA and Key Learning Activities Record must be completed and submitted.

7. The student and the facilities are required to send feedback regarding the rotation and problems at the end of the student’s rotation at the facility.

To apply to undertake CCC at an external site you need to:

1. Complete the application form and attach a statement to justify that the teaching and experience in the external location will be similar to medical teaching in a UQ teaching hospital.

2. Nominate a consultant from each of the specialties of anaesthesia, intensive care and emergency medicine who is willing to supervise you during a placement in that specialty and obtain written confirmation from each consultant on the hospital/university letterhead and with the consultant’s signature.

3. If the rotation is to be completed at one location, the student should nominate one consultant from the three specialties who would be willing to act as the overall clinical supervisor during the 8 weeks of Critical Care and obtain written confirmation from this consultant on the hospital/university letterhead and with the consultant’s signature.

4. Obtain written confirmation from the nominated clinical supervisor that you will be able to cover the course set out in the document CCC Instructors Package.
Please note the following:

- Students are responsible for contacting any proposed teaching institution and for seeking agreement that a teaching program will be available consistent with the published Learning Objectives and Goals. Students are required to establish that supervision will be provided by a recognised Consultant in the nominated Specialty and that a teaching program is available.

- Preferred University of Queensland partner institutions are listed at http://www.uq.edu.au/study/docs/GlobalNetworks.pdf.

- Students need to justify that the teaching program is similar to the teaching in Queensland hospitals. Students will need to provide the potential supervising Consultant with the Learning Objectives & Goals of the nominated specialty. This will ensure that the proposed supervising Consultant is aware of the requirements of the Discipline of Anaesthesiology & Critical Care MEDI4019 Critical Care clinical placement.

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