

Fact sheet – Work placement

Do I have to attend work placement as part of my course?

Lawson College Australia is obliged to ensure that training is undertaken before assessment to allow "students to reflect on and absorb the knowledge, to practice the skills in different contexts and to learn to apply the skills and knowledge in the varied environments that the 'real world' offers before being assessed." https://www.asga.gov.au/standards/training-assessment/clauses-1.1-to-1.4-2.2.

The Community Services Industry strongly supports the use of work placements. Lawson College Australia (LCA) Community Services Programs Lawson College include:

- 1. Certificate III in Individual Support,
- 2. Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care,
- 3. Certificate IV in Ageing Support,
- 4. Certificate IV in Disability Support,
- 5. Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, and
- 6. Diploma of Mental Health.

These programs include a scheduled work placement that is essential to satisfactorily complete the required hours plus assessment tasks that are linked to several units.

Actions to be taken by a student enrolled in a course with a work placement

You must ensure you meet the eligibility criteria to attend the work placement as scheduled:

- Demonstrate satisfactorily completion of all training and classroom assessment required prior to a. the scheduled work placement.
- **b.** Supply evidence required by industry /facility offering the work placement when requested, for example vaccination status and / or Working with Children Check and/ or other as requested.
- c. Attend the work placement as scheduled and submit all related assessment tasks.

Implications of not attending a scheduled work placement

It is imperative that a student satisfactorily completes work placement as scheduled and meets all requirements. Should a student not attend the work placement (not eligible to attend, or not attend for any reason) a Not Satisfactory (NS) will be awarded to all assessment tasks that must be completed in the workplace, leading to a Not Competent recorded for the relevant units and possible identification of 'at risk' of course progression as per LCA Policy & Procedure – Overseas student visa requirements) https://lawsoncollege.edu.au/international-student-policies/.

This may include reporting on the Australian Government Provider Student Management System (PRISMS) to Department of Education Skills and Employment Skills (DESE) automatically alerts the Department of Home Affairs (DoHA).



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