

16th August 2024**Announcement: Bond Clinical Placement Coaches Program**

The Clinical Placement Coaches (CPCs) are medical practitioners employed by Bond University to provide near-peer support for Phase 2 medical students on placement at specific hospital sites – Gold Coast Hospital & Health Service, Tweed Valley Hospital, The Wesley, John Flynn and Pindara Private Hospitals.

This new initiative is launching on 19th August 2024 and was developed after feedback from students, faculty and hospital staff that additional placement-based, clinical support was desirable.

The CPCs add to the existing student support services provided by Bond University and our hospital partners (please see graphics below). This new program is designed to complement, not replace, your existing clinical supervision, requiring no additional effort from you. Students will engage with CPCs during their unscheduled placement hours, ensuring no disruption to their scheduled teaching, ward rounds, clinics, or theatre sessions. CPCs will liaise closely with Clinical Leads, Clinical Supervisors and placement coordinators and managers and their roles will be tailored to individual placements as required.

Student engagement with CPCs will assist students transitioning to new placements, increase opportunities to practice generalisable clinical skills with feedback and help to identify learning needs, set learning goals and sign-off WBAs. CPCs can sign a maximum of two WBAs per student per 7-week placement and cannot sign ITAs. CPCs are familiar with the hospital sites and will be trained in bedside teaching and clinical coaching.

CPCs are available to offer teaching, feedback and tailored support for all students at their site, but where there is high demand, they will prioritise students in their first clinic year transitioning from pre-clinical to clinical placements or between public/private settings. CPCs can also assist students requiring academic support.

Each student's level of engagement with CPCs will vary. So that we can keep track of the uptake of the program, and the demand for CPC time, each engagement will be logged by students and CPCs through an Osler task. The program will be formally evaluated. We welcome your feedback.

For queries regarding the CPC program, please contact the Subdean, medical student coordinator/manager at your placement site or email the CPC Academic Lead, Associate Professor Michelle Jack via MED-CPC@bond.edu.au

The current CPCs are:

Gold Coast/Robina Hospitals:

Drs Daniel Finlayson, Dinesh Palipana, Jayden Murphy, Patrick Toohey (1.5 FTE total)

Tweed Valley Hospital: Dr Katherina Farr (0.5 FTE)

Uniting Care Clinical School: Dr Daniel Roche (0.3 FTE)

John Flynn Private Hospital: Dr Alastair Macdonald and Dr Maddie Dick (0.5 FTE total)

Pindara Private Hospital: Dr Arun Sundaralingam (0.25 FTE)

Site-Specific Support

Centralised Support

Near-peer support & coaching, generic clinical skills, practice & feedback.

Academic & pastoral support. Attendance issues. Extensions, deferrals. Documents. General Enquiries.

*Expert support
Discipline-specific teaching
Feedback. ITAs, WBAs*

*Placement quality & oversight.
Student professionalism and wellbeing.*

*Orientation.
Communication.
Rosters. Student support.*

Near-peer support & mentorship. Goal setting, learning strategies, personal & professional development

*HSM Wellbeing Manager
Bond University Crisis Line
Bond central counselling services*



Clinical Placement Coaches (CPCs) - Role

