Clinical Education Fact Sheet #2

Clinical immersion structure and timing

Clinical immersions occur in the final year of student programs. Each immersion is 5 weeks long. Students are expected to engage in clinical learning activities **5 days, full time** each week except on Public Holidays. A standard contact week is approx. 38 hrs per (7.5 hrs/day). Most learning activities will be undertaken onsite within clinical services, however on occasion students may engage in offsite relevant learning activities as part of their placement experience.

Students will undertake the number of placements that correspond to their program across the standard immersion block periods shown below. There is limited opportunity for some students to undertake a placement in Block 9 if this is deemed academically acceptable. However, most students will complete their placements by the end of block 8.

Graduate Entry Masters students commence block clinical placements from Block 5

The 2026 block dates are listed below:

Queensland Physiotherapy Placement Collaborative (QPPC)		
2026 Queensland Physiotherapy Clinical Placement Dates		
Block	*Start Date*	*Finish Date*
1	Monday, 26th January 2026	Friday, 27th February 2026
2	Monday, 2nd March 2026	Friday, 3rd April 2026
3	Monday, 6th April 2026	Friday, 8th May 2026
4	Monday, 11th May 2026	Friday, 12th June 2026
5	Monday, 15th June 2026	Friday, 17th July 2026
6	Monday, 20th July 2026	Friday, 21st August 2026
7	Monday, 24th August 2026	Friday, 25th September 2026
8	Monday, 28th September 2026	Friday, 30th October 2026
9	Monday, 2nd November 2026	Friday, 4th December 2026

Students will transition to clinical immersion following pre-clinical preparation, observational experiences, and clinical simulation experiences.

Students will progress to clinical practice courses when successfully completed pre-clinical courses in accordance with academic program requirements.