

Clinical placements with the Monash Rural Health Bendigo



Bendigo is a vibrant regional centre 150 km from Melbourne. Monash Rural Health Bendigo was purpose built in 2002 and offers students a wide range of high quality teaching and placement options.

What we offer...

Monash Rural Health Bendigo offers students:

- Opportunity to experience regional practice
- Student-friendly patients and doctors
- Increased hands on experience
- Fully equipped clinical skills and simulation centre including a 3G Sim-man
- Small group teaching
- Individualised learning plans
- Indigenous Health
- Vertical Student Integration
- Large student common room with computers and printer for student use
- Wireless network
- Up to date ITC facilities

Housing

Monash Rural Health Bendigo offers two types of accommodation: Lister House and a range of rental houses which are close to the centre of Bendigo. Year 4C and most Year 5D students live in Monash rental properties. Year 3B and all non-Monash students are placed at the Lister House accommodation block.

An accommodation rental fee of \$103 per week is charged to Monash students for the full duration of the rural placement (42 weeks) plus any additional time needed for relocation; this includes semester breaks. (See the Monash Rural Health's student policies page for details: med.monash.edu.au/srh/student-policies.html).

All accommodation is fully furnished and the weekly accommodation rental fee includes capped internet access and all utilities. Unlimited wireless internet is available at all Monash sites.

All accommodation is within easy walking distance of Monash Rural Health and hospital.

Bendigo Health

see: www.bendigohealth.com.au

- 678 Beds
- Major Regional Centre
- Medicine
- Surgery
- Obstetrics
- Paediatrics
- Anaesthetics and Intensive Care
- Psychiatry
- Cardiology
- Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic, ENT Surgery
- Dermatology
- Urology
- Emergency Medicine
- Structured tutorials for interns which students are welcome to attend



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Year 2

Monash Rural Health Bendigo hosts and manages the Rural Health Placement Program for Clayton-based Year 2 students.

The program consists of a two-week residential experience either in April/May or August/September. Up to 40 Year 2 students spend two weeks following a set timetable and will participate in a number of clinical and community based observational activities. These include the opportunity to undertake a clinical encounter, a group discussion of rural health issues and a 'Problem Based Learning' case around a farm injury which will include a farm visit, a presentation on farm chemical use, occupational health and safety issues, zoonotic disease and related allied health presentations.

Year 3B

Year 3B students are based at the Bendigo Hospital for the full academic year. This foundation program is integrated with the University of Melbourne MD Year 2 program, under the umbrella of the (NVRMEN) Northern Victoria Rural Medical Education Network. This is a Collaboration between Monash University and the University of Melbourne to train a cohort of medical students, largely from rural areas, in North Victorian clinical sites. Students undertake an orientation program incorporating intensive basic clinical skills



education prior to four eight-week rotations through general medicine, general surgery, ambulatory care and various medical and surgical specialties. The emphasis of the program is development and refinement of basic and procedural clinical skills, core clinical knowledge and clinical reasoning. Students participate in a mixture of individual, small group and large group teaching sessions that provide opportunities for direct interaction with senior clinicians across a wide variety of medical and surgical specialties. This is complemented by weekly teaching scenarios in the clinical skills and simulation centre.

Year 4C

Year 4C in the north-west consists of a semester-long rural rotation and a semester-long regional rotation in either Mildura or Bendigo. Bendigo hosts all Year 4 students for the initial week of each semester.

During the regional rotation students have dedicated exposure to the core disciplines of Year 4C: children's health, women's health and medicine of the mind. Consolidation and integration of these disciplines occur in a GP placement for one day each week. Students have learning opportunities with paediatricians, obstetricians and gynaecologists, psychiatrists and general practitioners, and the teams of nurses and allied health professionals who work with them.

During the rural rotation, students are allocated to hubs either in the Goldfields (Castlemaine or Maryborough), the Highlands (Gisborne or Woodend) and Murray region (Swan Hill or Kerang). Students are immersed into a busy and intensive general practice setting where they will have the opportunity to see their own patients both in the general practice and with clinicians in the hospital and community setting. This longitudinal experience provides the opportunity for students to gain enormous hands-on experience in primary care practice while reinforcing their learning in children's health, woman's health and psychiatry in a different health care setting.



Year 5D / Final year

Final year Monash students complete six six-week clinical rotations. The six rotations consist of five core rotations (aged care, emergency medicine, medicine, surgery and speciality) and a student elective.

Based at Bendigo Health, Monash Rural Health Bendigo offers the following rotations:

- aged care
- cardiology
- emergency medicine
- intensive care/anaesthetics
- medicine
- surgery
- oncology
- orthopaedics
- paediatrics
- palliative care
- radiology
- renal medicine
- urology



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