

The Locations

DEU Working Group contact details:

We currently have a number of DEUs throughout the Canterbury Health System.

They are located in:

- Ashburton Hospital
- Burwood Hospital
- Christchurch Hospital
- The Princess Margaret Hospital
- The Specialist Mental Health Service
- Nurse Maude Community Nursing Services
- The Christchurch Women's Hospital

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What is a DEU?

A DEU is a practice area dedicated to supporting undergraduate nursing students on clinical placement. The DEU environment encourages collegial relationships between students, DEU staff and lecturers.

- DEUs provide an optimal clinical learning environment for nursing students by utilizing effective teaching and learning strategies drawing on the expertise of both clinical (CDHB) and teaching (CPTI) staff.
- Students are supported in practice by a Clinical Liaison Nurse (CLN) and an Academic Liaison Nurse (ALN).
- All staff working within the DEU, such as Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurses, Nurse Assistants, pool nurses, allied professionals and the medical team, support teaching and learning opportunities for undergraduate nursing students.
- Student peer teaching is encouraged.
- Student clinical assessments are undertaken with the student by the CLN and ALN after consultation with DEU staff.

DEU

CLN(s) from the practice area, is appointed to the DEU
An ALN from CPTI, is allocated to and becomes familiar with the DEU practice area
CLN and ALN are supported to attend DEU Workshop
CLN and ALN responsible for student orientation (supernumerary/ time provided for CLN)
CLN and DEU staff are provided with education on the BN curriculum and assessment processes
All DEU staff share the responsibility for facilitating student learning
Minimum of 6 students per DEU
Students are responsible for their own learning and peer teaching is encouraged
Student clinical assessment completed by CLN and ALN with staff input (supernumerary/ time provided for CLN)
CLN coordinates students' learning on a day-to-day basis
CLN provides on-site, consistent and accessible support to students and staff
The ALN spends time in the DEU offering 'real time' support to students and DEU staff
ALN is able to offer on-site teaching sessions/ research support to staff and students

Key Roles

The CLN and ALN work together to:

- Liaise with DEU staff regarding the student role, learning focus and progress.
- Assist students to integrate theory and practice.
- Undertake formative and summative clinical assessment of students.
- Plan student rosters and patient allocation.