

R2R MEDICINE

GP OBSTETRICS CLINICAL SKILLS EXPERIENCE

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1 Purpose

RDWA recognises the value that a positive rural general practice experience has in favourably impacting final year students' choices about career pathways, and their PGY1 intern rotations.

The aim of the R2R Medicine Clinical Skills (GP Obstetrics) Experience is to provide a positive rural experience for final year university medical students that achieves the following objectives:

- Provide information about rural career training options to final year medical students;
- Increase awareness about the lifestyle associated with rural general practice;
- Provide an opportunity to participate in and observe rural practice culture;
- Provide an opportunity to work alongside rural generalists in a collegial setting;
- Provide information about the support and benefits available to rural practitioners.

With a focus on procedural obstetrics, final year medical students are introduced to the breadth of rural medicine and career possibilities available to them through undertaking rural generalist training.

This event offers a supportive learning and interactive skills experience and showcases the rural community and lifestyle through extra-curricular and social activities.

2 Scope

The 2025 experience will be held in Murray Bridge on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 March 2025.

The weekend is facilitated by experienced rural procedural generalists in a clinical setting, primarily Dr Mark Herrmann.

The role of a Rural Generalist Obstetrician is demonstrated to final year medical students through presentations and their active participation in clinical skills stations. Students will be encouraged to participate in simulated neonatal resuscitation, post-partum haemorrhage and birthing skills stations. Midwifery, maternal mental health and pre- and post-natal care are included as part of the experience to demonstrate the multi-disciplinary elements of obstetrics shared care that have a significant role in rural obstetric medicine.

Students are offered social opportunities to experience the community and lifestyle of Murray Bridge and to spend time outside of the clinical setting with rural generalists who share their stories about becoming rural generalists and what they enjoy about a rural career and life in the country.

3 Eligibility

This invitation is only available to 2025 final year medicine students at the University of Adelaide and Flinders University.

There are 12 places available for students from each university. If there are more applicants than places available, RDWA will select for a place based on an applicant's answer about their intention to seriously consider a rural generalist career in SA and meet all other eligibility criteria.

To be eligible to apply for the GP Obstetrics Clinical Skills Experience applicants must be in their final year, studying either:

- Doctor of Medicine, Flinders University, or
- Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, University of Adelaide

Students must be over the age of 18 to apply.

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4 How to Apply

Applications open Friday 15 November 2024 and close Monday 9 December 2024.

If an applicant meets the eligibility criteria, they can apply for the experience using the online application form on RDWA website. Students will be asked to describe their interest and/or intention to consider rural generalist training and careers.

Applying for a place at the experience does not guarantee that an offer to attend will be made.

5 Assessment and notification

All applicants will be notified of their application outcome by email. RDWA will assess applications by reviewing each application against the eligibility criteria. If the application does not provide enough information for us to make our assessment, applicants may be contacted for more information.

Where RDWA assesses the application as ineligible, we will advise the applicant in writing the reasons for the decision.

If an applicant is offered a place to participate, we will send an email to them and ask them to agree to accepting the offer.

Applicants will also receive regular updates on key dates and information related to applying for a medical intern place from our team.

6 Funding

Attendance at the event is fully funded by the RDWA, departing from RDWA's office at 8am on Saturday 1 March 2025 until returning from Murray Bridge on Sunday 2 March 2025. Travel to and from Murray Bridge and during the event is arranged for all participants. Single occupancy accommodation is provided at the Bridgeport Hotel. All scheduled meals are provided during the experience. Snacks and drinks may be purchased by participants if required.

More Information

The experience is held in Murray Bridge and surrounds, on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 March 2025.

Clinical skills sessions will be hosted at the following locations across the weekend:

- Murray Bridge Health Service
- Bridge Clinic
- Flinders University satellite campus – Murray Bridge

Social experiences are hosted at:

- Bridgeport Hotel,
- Murray River and surrounds

Students can learn more about the experience by contacting Dale Penny on 8234 8277 or at dale.penny@ruraldoc.com.au.