# T2.2.b [Insert your local government area]

# Whole-of-System Student Clinical Placement Program Steering Group

# Terms of Reference

## Introduction

Students in medicine, nursing and allied health usually undertake their clinical placement rotations in one main venue under the guidance of a clinical supervisor from the same disciplinary background. However, clinical placements, particularly in smaller rural health service settings provide unique opportunities for students to learn from different health professionals, gain a deeper understanding of comprehensive primary health care and move between agencies at different levels of the health care system. A systems view of clinical placements offers a new way to design and implement educational programs for professional entry students. Over time, smaller health services and rural communities may also be able to accommodate students in a more effective, sustainable way.

The purpose of the Whole-of-System Student Clinical Placement (WoSSP) program is to develop and implement a customised interprofessional clinical placement model for professional entry students from medical, nursing and allied health disciplines in the [insert your LGA] local government area.

The aim will be to develop, implement and evaluate the whole-of-system placement model in [insert Semester start date and year].

## WoSSP implementation partners

[Insert the participating health service, health education provider and local community partner organisations]

## Purpose of the WoSSP Steering Group

The purpose of the [insert your LGA] WoSSP Steering Group is to establish a formal structure for shared clinical placement governance, WoSSP program development and systems development in the [insert regional area] region.

## Objectives

1. Plan and facilitate local-level customisation, implementation and evaluation of the shared WoSSP program model and educational strategies in the [insert regional area] region.
2. Work with key educational, health service and community stakeholders to ensure that appropriate organisational roles and communication systems are in place to implement, review and sustain the WoSSP program in the [insert regional area] region.
3. Assist with identifying, monitoring and achieving agreed WoSSP implementation tasks and deliverables, including WoSSP curriculum design, cross-institutional communication and the on-going review and evaluation of the program.
4. Identify opportunities for health professional student engagement with patients/clients and health services within the local health system.
5. Act as advocates for the Whole-of-System Student Clinical Placement program to:
6. raise awareness of the program among local government, health services, organisational networks, clinical supervisors and community groups
7. recommend strategies to facilitate the development of clinical placement partnerships and linkages between different health services.
8. Provide an evaluative feedback and reporting mechanism to internal and external stakeholders to inform the ongoing development, implementation and sustainability of the WoSSP program in the local area.

## Meeting schedule

[Insert the meeting schedule your Steering Group has agreed to]

## Membership

[Insert your Steering Group members/names and organisations]

*Ideally, Steering Group members will, as a group, bring a range of senior level health service and health education skills, networks, community engagement and clinical placement links to the WoSSP program.*

[Date terms of reference ratified by the Steering Group]