

Capacity building for clinical placements across the Southern Metropolitan CPN: A focus on community placements and supervisory capacity

Definition

For the purposes of this project community health settings are defined as: organisations, practitioners and other entities through which qualified health professionals provide health services directly to, or are directly accessible by, individuals and groups within the general community except where the service provision occurs in an inpatient or residential setting.

Selecting community health settings

The principal target organisations for engagement in this project will be the larger, multidisciplinary community health centres/services and similar organisations or networks as there are likely to be greater efficiencies attainable by working with existing networks. This project will endeavour to incorporate all individuals or organisations that demonstrate an interest in engaging in clinical placements.

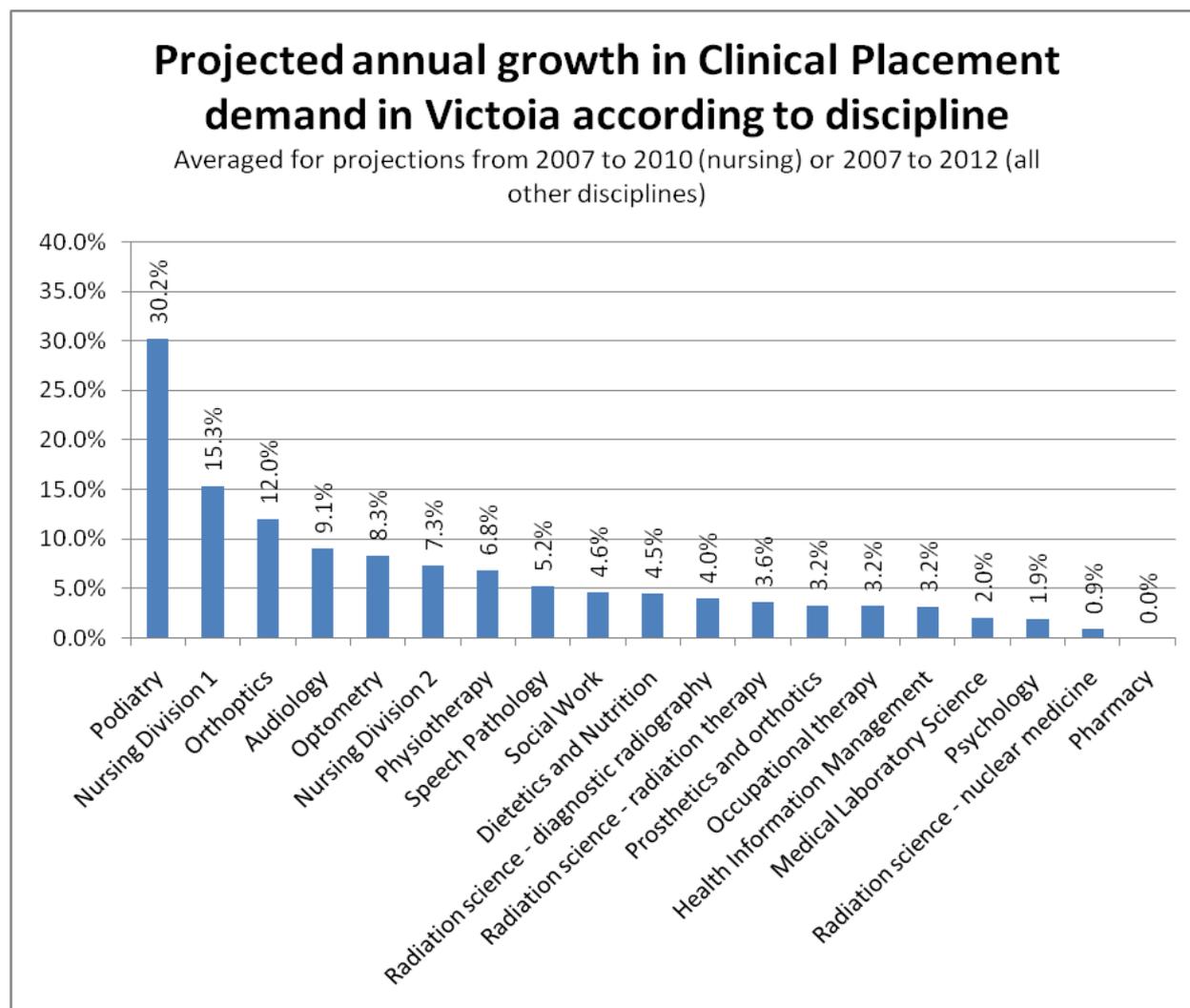
Selecting health professions

This project will focus on clinical placements for students studying towards an initial qualification (i.e. first-time entry into the health workforce) at a certificate IV level or above in a health discipline subject to statutory registration.

If required, disciplines will be prioritised according to their relative volumes of need for clinical placements and projected growth in levels of demand. That is, registered nurses (formerly Division 1) and physiotherapy in the first instance, then enrolled nurses (formerly Division 2), podiatry, psychology, social work, audiology and diagnostic radiology as the next level of priority (see appendix).

Appendix

Figure 1: Indicators of demand for clinical placements in community health settings



No data was available in relation to chiropracty, dentistry, midwifery, osteopathy and paramedicine.

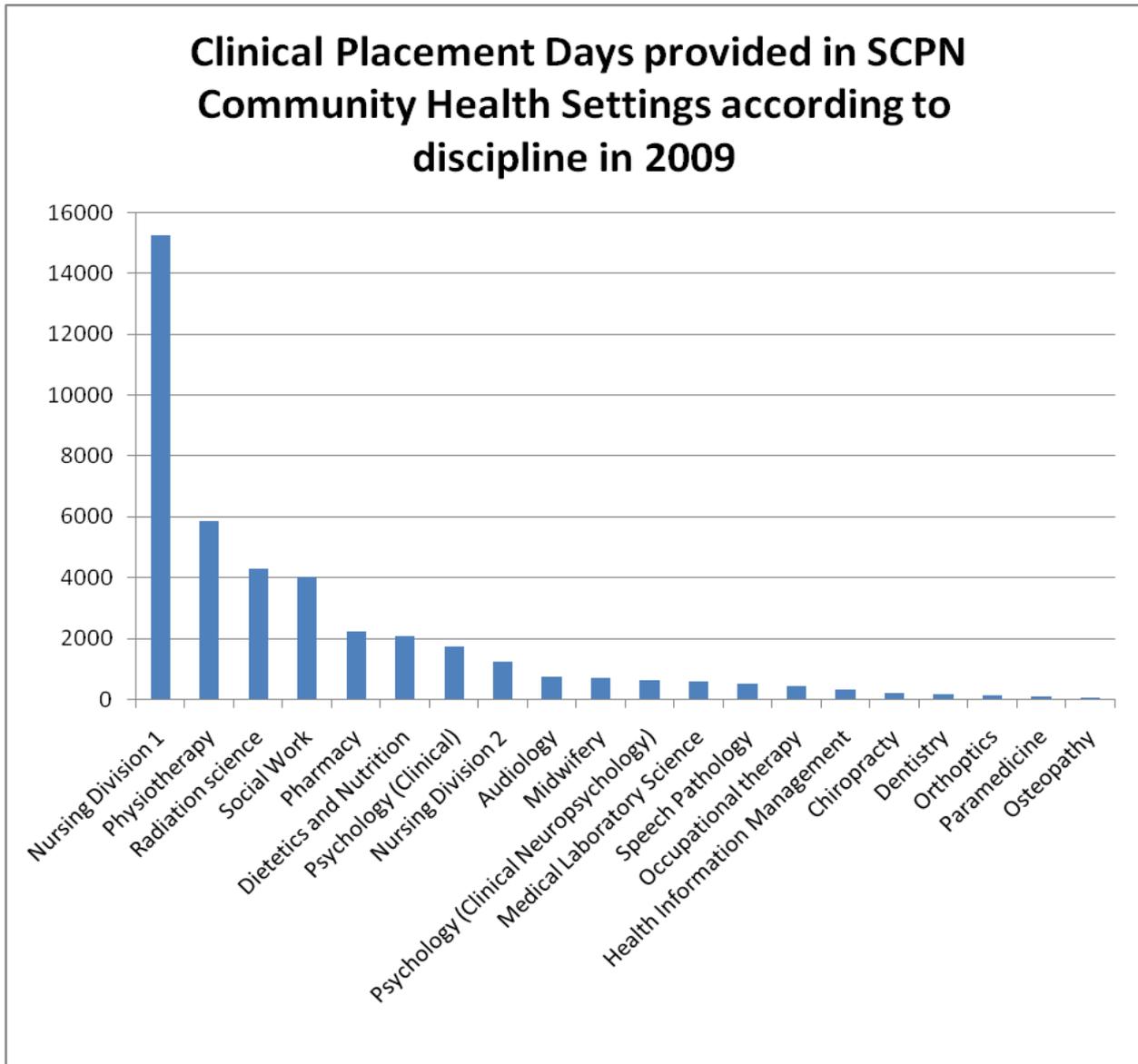
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Figure 1



The total number of placement days provided in SCPN Community Placement Settings was 41 210.

There was no placement data for optometry, podiatry or prosthetics and orthotics.

The placement data did not distinguish between the three streams of radiation medicine as was identified in the projected demand data.

The data may not have distinguished between mental health and general placements for nurses.

Source

CPN placement data for 2009. The data was filtered according to clinical placement settings (inclusions: diagnostic mental health, primary health (including GPs), other – health; exclusions: acute (medical, acute (surgical), ambulatory/sub-acute, rehabilitation and aged care, other – non-health). The remaining data was reviewed to remove placements that had been included due to inappropriate or inadequate labelling (such as inpatient mental health appearing due to its listing under the generic setting of ‘mental health’, and some acute inpatient facilities being described as ‘other’). The disciplines of allied health assistance and medicine were excluded.