



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Project Title: To study the change in staff confidence, skill and student satisfaction following the implementation of an in-house interdisciplinary clinical supervision and preceptorship program at a rural health service.

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Introduction to the research study

You are invited to take part in this study. Please read this Explanatory Statement in full before deciding whether or not to participate in this research. If you would like further information regarding any aspect of this project, you are encouraged to contact the researchers via the phone numbers or email addresses listed above. If you are happy to participate, please complete the written consent form and return this to daniel.baker@basscoasthealth.org.au

What is the purpose of the research?

The purpose of this research is to measure whether there is an increase in confidence and core skills of staff to support clinical supervision of students with the secondary effect of also increasing student satisfaction with their placement at Bass Coast Health following the delivery of a clinical supervision and preceptorship workshop.

What will participants be asked to do?

All undergraduate health students are asked to complete a survey following their placement at Bass Coast Health to reflect their placement experience. The research team will compare results pre and post the training intervention.

Why were you chosen for this research?

We are inviting you to participate because you have completed clinical placement at Bass Coast Health.

Source of funding

This study is not funded

Conflict of interest

There are multiple researchers in the research team and no conflicts of interest.

Consenting to participate in the project and withdrawing from the research

Participation in any research project is voluntary. Should you decide to take part in this study we require you to tick the opt in box in the survey. Please be aware that you are free to withdraw from the study up until 2 weeks after data is collected without any explanation or disadvantage to yourself. In addition, it is important to note that if you do not wish to answer a question, you do not have to. Taking part or declining to take part in this study will not influence your association with Bass Coast Health in any way or your participation in any future supervision and preceptorship training



workshops. If you wish to withdraw from the study, please contact the chief investigator named at the end of this statement.

Possible benefits and risks to participants

There are no foreseeable risks of participating and no direct benefits to participants. The survey will be conducted during placement hours and is not expected to take more than 10 minutes. Findings from this research will be used to support use of clinical supervision and preceptorship within Bass Coast Health, and may be made available to other health services who wish to integrate clinical supervision workshops into their organisation.

Services on offer if adversely affected

If you are distressed by participating in the study, we encourage you to discuss your concerns with the Learning & Development manager, or with the Human Resource department to explore wellbeing supports available to you during placement, such as the employee assistance program.

Anonymity

Everything that you say in the survey will be kept anonymous. We will be writing a report about the findings. Additionally, we aim to publish the results in peer-reviewed journal article/s and present them at conference/s. It is important to note that any data included in reports will not be individually identifiable and responses will be evaluated by an external person to the research team.

Storage of Data

Data relating to Student satisfaction with placement will be collected from specific parts of an electronic survey (Survey Monkey ®) provided to all students who attend placement at Bass Coast Health. This data is already stored electronically in the Learning and Development account.

Use of data for other purposes

The data provided as part of this project may be used in future research projects involving the secondary analysis of data. If this happened, only de-identified data would be used for other projects where ethics approval had been granted. Furthermore, the data may be used by the team for conference presentations, scientific publications, or teaching purposes such as developing future supervision training workshops. If this happened, again, only de-identified data would be used.

Results

Once the data has been analysed you will also be able to access a summary of the findings by contacting the Chief Investigator (daniel.baker@basscoasthealth.org.au) 12 months after participation.

Complaints

Should you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Latrobe Regional Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee

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