INTRODUCTION

Charles Darwin University (CDU) is committed to maintaining high academic standards and progression for students enrolled in Nursing degrees. A significant component/requirement of the degrees is the Professional Experience, Placements and the Simulation Blocks (SBs) relevant to the practicum unit the student is enrolled in.

Nominations for Simulation Blocks

All students will be notified of the nomination process by the Placement Team Leader, Clinical Administration team. Nominations will open for a two-week period, one semester in advance of when Simulation Blocks will be held. The dates will be advised by the Team Leader of when the nominations will open and close. Once the nominations have closed, the Team Leader will then commence coordinating and allocating students into the relevant practicum unit Simulation Block based on the student requirement to:

1. Nominate
2. Preclinicals are green and compliant and
3. Prerequisite units successfully passed to progress.

Priority will be given to students of their Simulation Block preference who are compliant with the three requirements. In addition, where there is an Extenuating Circumstance, it will be considered on a student case by case basis by the Team Leader or the Senior Academic.

If a student is progressing from a placement unit to the next practicum / SB (ie. NUR244 placement to NUR343 Simulation Block), a minimum of four weeks must be given to allow for Academic grading and Administration process. Any progression concerns should be directed to the Placement Team Leader for review and final decision.

Once a student has been confirmed into a Simulation Block they are to enrol into the practicum unit. It is the student’s responsibility to advise the Placement team if they will not be enrolling or withdrawing from the relevant practicum unit.

Late inclusion into the Simulation Blocks will be reviewed by the Team Leader and Senior Academic.

Placements

Students are to follow the recommended study pathway for progression to the next relevant practicum unit.
Where a student’s placement rolls over into the Semester that a Simulation Block is booked (ie. NUR244 Simulation Block in Semester 1 and placement booked for Semester 2) – progression will depend on the date which the placement finishes. The usual deadline is Census date of that semester unless otherwise stated.

If there are any other questions surrounding Simulation Blocks, please contact the Placement Team Leader on 08 8946 6243 or email: nurplac@cdu.edu.au.