

Orthoptics Placement Calendar

Date	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Year 1	Break		Autumn Session Academic subjects only				Break	Professional Practice 1 Weekly placements integrated with academic studies				PP1 Block Full-time
Year 2	Break	Professional Practice 2 Autumn Session Weekly placements concurrent with academic studies and block placements					Professional Practice 2 Spring Session Weekly placements concurrent with academic studies and block placements					
		Professional Practice 3 Autumn Session Block placements and final academic subjects				Final clinical assessment period	Professional Practice 3 Spring Session Block Placements and final academic subjects				Final clinical assessment period	

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 1 (PP1) provides opportunities for students to observe, understand and apply basic clinical knowledge and skills gained in their foundational subjects in a variety of clinical and community settings. Student learning and development is directed by observation of professional behaviour and performance of supervised patient interactions.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 2 (PP2) provides opportunities for students to extend their clinical knowledge and demonstrate an understanding of clinical practice in a variety of clinical and community settings. Through participating in the clinical environment, professional behaviour is further developed and a broader understanding of the orthoptist's role in providing eye care is gained.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE 3 (PP3) is designed to synthesise student learning and knowledge acquired in all subjects undertaken across the course. This is facilitated through placements in varied clinical environments, including rural and international locations. Students are expected to meet graduate requirements and competency standards of an entry-level practitioner, commensurate with the registration standards set out by the Australian Orthoptic Board.