



## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FORM – CLINICAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT

### Graduate Certificate/Graduate Diploma/Master of Cancer and Haematology Nursing

Sydney Nursing School, at the University of Sydney offers a number of clinically focused postgraduate courses at graduate certificate, graduate diploma and master's levels. An important component of these courses is the assessment of clinical practice. In order to complete these clinical assessments students are required to be employed in the relevant clinical area. Normally students would be employed in a full-time capacity or a minimum of 0.5 full-time equivalent. International and domestic students who are currently employed in, or have the support of, a relevant clinical area will be required to complete these clinical assessments in this area. At present Sydney Nursing School is unable to provide clinical access or opportunity for clinical assessment in Australian hospitals for International students.

#### Instructions

Pages 1–3 should be completed by the applicant. Page 4 contains information for the applicant's potential clinical assessor and this page must be completed by the assessor with these instructions as a guide. Clinical assessment refers to assessment of clinical practice within the student's work environment and therefore may be focused on physical or psychosocial assessment.

#### Applicant's details

<b>Student number</b> (if known)	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>First names</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Contact number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Mailing address</b> (including postcode and country)	

Please identify the area that best reflects your field of clinical practice by placing a cross (X) in the appropriate box. If you select more than one area, please number them in order of priority:

\_\_\_  Haematology Nursing

\_\_\_  BMT Nursing

\_\_\_  Medical Oncology Nursing

\_\_\_  General Cancer and Haematology Nursing

\_\_\_  Surgical Oncology Nursing

\_\_\_  Palliative Nursing

\_\_\_  Radiation Oncology Nursing

\_\_\_  Other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a general overview of the workplace where you anticipate that you will undertake the clinical assessment in the course:

<b>Name of facility:</b>
<b>Unit or department:</b>
<b>Description of unit or department:</b> (This should include typical presentations, inpatient or community/outpatient, staff structure etc)

Please identify, by placing a cross (X) in the appropriate boxes below, the clinical presentations or treatment and management strategies used in your workplace (where cancer refers to solid tumours and haematological malignancies):

**Clinical presentation**

- Oncological emergencies
- New diagnosis
- Relapsed cancer
- End of life presentation
- Survivor following a cancer diagnosis

**Treatment and nursing management strategies**

- External beam radiation
- Brachytherapy
- Management of oncological emergencies
- Chemotherapy
- Biotherapy
- Surgical cancer management
- Haematopoietic stem cell transplant
- Apheresis procedures
- Palliative care
- Rehabilitation
- Psychosocial supportive care

If you do not presently have a workplace where you can undertake clinical assessments, please contact:

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Cancer and Haematology Course Coordinator

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## INFORMATION FOR ASSESSORS

Sydney Nursing School at the University of Sydney offers postgraduate coursework in a number of specialty areas. As part of this coursework, students are often required to undertake assessment in their workplace. Assessment may be related to clinical performance or be more specifically related to professional aspects of nursing practice, such as the provision of education. The School has close affiliations with the health care sector and works towards establishing learning experiences and assessments that are relevant to the academic and clinical aspects of the student's performance. It is important for student assessment in the workplace to be congruent with both the academic requirements of the University and the needs of the health care sector. For the School to work towards consistency and quality of assessment we ask that each student identify an assessor that has the necessary knowledge and skills to undertake such assessment in the workplace. The proposed assessor should have the knowledge and experience to appropriately assess the student in the context of cancer and haematology nursing.

Each student is responsible for identifying a suitable assessor and for seeking assurance from that assessor that they are happy to undertake this work. If you agree to assess a particular student, we would ask that you assist us in maintaining a high level of quality and consistency by working in conjunction with the Course Coordinator and relevant Unit of Study coordinators to ensure that the student is meeting the assessment requirements. If you could provide us with some brief details of your clinical background and qualifications, this will assist us in being able to accurately report quality systems in assessment. We thank you in advance for your contribution to student learning at the School. If you require further clarification of assessments or processes, please do not hesitate to contact **Moira Stephens** by email ([moira.stephens@sydney.edu.au](mailto:moira.stephens@sydney.edu.au)) or phone (+61 2 9351 0542).

### Clinical Assessor's information

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Qualifications</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Institution</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Mailing address</b> (including postcode and country)	

I agree to assess \_\_\_\_\_ and adhere to the assessment criteria as set out on the assessment form.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Domestic students please return this statement of support form to:

**By mail:**

Postgraduate Admissions  
Nursing Student Services  
Sydney Nursing School (M02)  
The University of Sydney NSW 2006  
Australia

**In person:**

Nursing Student Services, Ground Floor, Building C  
Sydney Nursing School, The University of Sydney  
88 Mallett Street, Camperdown NSW 2050

**Please note: counter hours**

Monday–Thursday 10am–4pm  
Friday 10am–1pm

International students please return this form to:

Admissions  
International Office (G02)  
Level 4, Jane Foss Russell Building  
The University of Sydney NSW 2006  
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