



STUDENT PLACEMENTS & WORK EXPERIENCE

Student placements provide opportunities which benefit both Northcott and student.

Students undertaking a placement with us are able to gain industry knowledge of our services and learn valuable skills of working in the disability sector and Northcott benefits from students' contributions to our work and the new ideas they may bring.

Tertiary education institutions value the practical experience available for their students and placements are an essential part of many courses. Placements can be accepted across many of our Northcott programs and departments.

Some factors do affect whether a program can accept student/s including:

- Programs may be going or have recently gone through client or staff changes that affect the ability to supervise a student effectively.
- The program may only run on a weekend
- Pending close down of the program for extended period ie December/January holiday period
- Support needs of a client/s
- Skill set or level of qualification required by the program

Placements for tertiary students

Requests for placements may be initiated by tertiary educational institutions (Universities, TAFE colleges), individual students or Northcott staff.

Students should be able to provide a Clinical Placement Authority or be willing to undergo a National Police Check prior to placement. Other probity checks will also be required for programs where clients are under 18 years old.

Secondary students – Work Experience/Community Service

Work experience is designed to give students direct experience in a particular vocation. Community service is for students who are required to give their support for the organisation with general tasks, for example, mail outs, one off events or data entry.

As a general rule most client programs cannot accept school students for work experience because of the difficulty of organising suitable activities for under 18's in a very restricted time period. Ideally, secondary students could be accepted in administrative, marketing and fundraising areas only which would also provide an overview of the industry. All student requests (including those by students with disabilities) should be treated with the same consideration.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on 9890 0100 or via email to volunteering@northcott.com.au for more information and opportunities.