

## Work Based Learning (WBL) Placement Description

### Host Details

<b>Host Organisation</b>	Australian Clinical Laboratories
<b>Placement Title</b>	Medical Science Student – Ballarat Lab
<b>Number of Placements being offered</b>	1
<b>Placement Location:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	
<b>Address (if onsite)</b>	101 Drummond Street, North Ballarat VIC 3350
<b>Primary Supervisor Name</b>	Jay Tucker
<b>Position Title</b>	Lab Manager
<b>Host Organisation Website</b>	<a href="http://www.clinicallabs.com.au">www.clinicallabs.com.au</a>
<b>Host Organisation Background:</b>	
<p>Australian Clinical Labs is a leading private provider of pathology services in Australia. Our 75 NATA-accredited laboratories perform over 12 million episodes each year for clinicians and patients within our communities.</p> <p>At Clinical Labs, our mission is to combine talented people, medical and scientific leadership, innovative thinking, and technologies to empower decision-making that saves and improves patients' lives</p>	

### Placement Details

<b>Placement Semester/Term</b>	Semester 2
<b>Start Date</b>	28 July 2025
<b>End Date</b>	24 October 2025
<b>Days/hours per week</b>	Approx 7.6 hours per week
<b>Hours (total)</b>	100 hours
<b>Placement Type</b>	Unpaid
<p><i>The host and successful student will have an opportunity to negotiate placement start and end dates, as well as days of the week that align to the Term or Semester dates that the student is enrolled in prior to commencing the placement.</i></p>	
<b>Key Duties and Responsibilities</b>	
<p>The placement will provide the opportunity for the student to move through the core departments of a multidisciplinary laboratory including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specimen Reception</li> <li>• Hematology/Coagulation</li> <li>• Biochemistry</li> <li>• Transfusion Medicine</li> <li>• Microbiology</li> <li>• Histology</li> </ul>	

Duties may include, under the supervision of a suitably qualified ACL employee, the following:

- Receipt and separation of incoming samples and transfer of specimens into the laboratory
- Data entry of referrals into the Laboratory Information System
- Hands on use of analytical instruments such as the Sysmex Hematology & Coagulation, Siemens Biochemistry and Grifols blood bank analyzers.
- Preparation and loading of reagents and QC onto instruments and checking calibration/QC status
- Loading patient samples onto automation.
- Perform manual testing such as – ESR, gram stains, Monospot.
- Involvement in Quality Control and Quality Assurance processes.
- Introduction to point of care testing i.e., blood gas, i-Stat and GenXpert.
- Observe and perform maintenance tasks on laboratory equipment
- Pipetting and aliquoting of biological specimens
- Observe the verification process of patient results and the process of communication of significant findings to the relevant parties.
- Administrative tasks such as late lists, temperature monitoring, stock counting, etc.

### Selection Criteria

*Essential and desirable skills, abilities, qualifications, or experience to be successful in the placement*

### Desired Course Discipline/Background

- Hematology
- Biochemistry
- Microbiology
- Physiology/anatomy
- Molecular

### Essential:

- Numerical skills
- Teamwork
- Attention to detail
- Hand-Eye coordination
- Organisational skills
- Written and verbal communication skills

### Desired:

- Students need to be enthusiastic, an active listener, patient, inquisitive, punctual, have a degree of customer service with a polite phone manner.

### Pre-Placement Compliance Checks & Requirements

- ☒ Child Safe Standards Training (TSSD)
- ☒ Student Placement Deed
- ☒ Police Check
- ☒ Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- ☒ Evidence of 3x COVID-19 vaccinations and Hepatitis B status

### Work Based Learning (WBL) – Subject Information and Requirements

Subject Code	LTU3IND
Subject Information	<a href="#">LTU3IND Handbook</a>
Subject Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completed 120 credit points of your degree</li><li>• Have 1 free elective space in your course plan</li></ul>

### How to Apply

**Application Cut Off Date:** Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

When you are ready to apply for this placement opportunity, visit the [How to Apply](#) page and refer to Step 1 and Step 2c.

Once you have submitted an application, you will receive a confirmation email. If you are successful in moving to the next stage, you will be notified via email. Please ensure you check your La Trobe email daily for updates regarding the selection process

*Thank you for considering a Work Based Learning Placement!*