

An aerial night view of London, showing the city lights and the River Thames. A large white circle is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

**A CAREER
WITH A VIEW**

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
2018/2019

Specsavers

Transforming eye health

Our Vision

To be the fastest growing, most innovative, trusted and dynamic consumer healthcare business.

Our Values

Treat people as we would like to be treated ourselves. We are passionate about:

- Our customers
- Our people
- Partnership
- Communities
- Results

Our Purpose

Together with our partners, to passionately provide best value optometry, audiology and other healthcare services to everybody, simply, clearly and consistently, exceeding customer expectations every time.

What we do to set you up for success

At Specsavers, we are passionate about optometry development and provide you with a structured and supportive environment for your Clinical Placement experience.

Before you start

- Profile matching of students with mentors
- Specsavers orientation (retail and professional training)

When you start

- Structured Specsavers on-boarding program
- Active follow-up and support from Specsavers Professional Development team
- Financial support for all regional placements

When you finish

- Opportunity to join the Specsavers Graduate Program
- The Graduate Program is a two year development program for recently qualified optometrists
- Collective wealth of knowledge and experience from the Optometry partner in your store and within the Specsavers optometry community
- Exposure to a variety of professional events, courses

Beyond the Graduate Program

- Pathway: Specsavers' development program for our optically experienced staff who aspire to be future joint venture partners
- Opportunities for ongoing clinical education
- Opportunities for post graduate business and leadership training
- Outreach programs

Join Specsavers on a clinical placement and you will find out first-hand how we are transforming eye health across Australia and New Zealand. Multi-million dollar investments in equipment, technology, professional development and more are just the starting points that support clinical excellence.



Student Clinical Placement Learning Weighting

ACTIVITIES	STUDENT'S CLINICAL EXPERIENCE					
	Beginner		Intermediate		Ready to graduate	
On-boarding	***		**		**	
Professional exposures - Clinical+ Retail + Commercial	****	****	****	****	****	****
Store logic - Customer journey observation	****	***	**	**	*	*
Store logic - Customer journey in practice	**	***	****	****	****	****
Clinical observations - directed	****	****	***	**	**	**
Conduct partial consultations	*	****	***	**	**	**
Conduct full consultation	*	*	**	***	****	****
Protected time with supervisor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weighting	**** Up to 100%	*** Up to 80%	**Up to 50%	* Up to 25%		

Note: the above weighting is designed to provide a general overview of what an average student learning journey will look like while on Clinical Placement in Specsavers. This could vary dependent on student and store needs/environment. This should be taken as a guideline only and worked out in detail between each student-supervisor team based on individual capabilities and needs.

“ Exceptional, enlightening, well-crafted – this is how I would describe my Clinical Placement experience.

The first week consisted of me observing the Optometry Director, Janet and the other Mt Druitt optometrists. Following this I was performing eye examinations on my own, with a supervising optometrist checking my findings. This allowed me to learn passively and actively from the advice of my mentors and also meant that any mistakes I made during my own testing was fed back to me so I could learn from my experience.

I believe this placement provided me with an excellent taste of what's to come next year and will support my transition from a university student to an optometrist. It was great being able to translate my theoretical knowledge from university into real life practice. I'm thankful that Janet and Specsavers Mt Druitt provided me with the opportunity to gain this invaluable experience.

Kevin La, UNSW

“ Specsavers' graduate team really helped me in communicating with the different store partners, so that each clinical placement I undertook was well-structured.

As a result, store partners were well informed of any learning objectives or areas I was interested in even before I arrived at the store. I would definitely recommend future QUT optometry students complete their placements at Specsavers.

The environment is fast-paced, which meant that I was constantly observing and learning throughout. Furthermore, store partners also offered me the opportunity to test patients, so I could practice my clinical skills under the optometrist's supervision. Specsavers really provided me with valuable placement experiences.

Vincent Lin, QUT



Specsavers Clinical Placement Program

Ask us about our Clinical Placement and Graduate Program

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