



Specsavers Clinical Placement

Information for Students

Specsavers



Completing a clinical placement with Specsavers will provide you with opportunities to consolidate and apply the knowledge you have gained throughout your studies. You will be able to further develop your skills across all areas of optometric practice through active observation and hands-on participation.

Specsavers offers clinical placements to students from all optometry schools across Australia and New Zealand. We work closely with representatives from all universities to understand the requirements specific to each course and can tailor your placement experience accordingly.

Company Information

At Specsavers, we aim to provide affordable, accessible and high-quality optometry and audiology services to everybody. Our equipment and technology strategies, our close working relationships with key eye health stakeholders, and our major investments into professional development all contribute to our mission to transform the eye health of Australians and New Zealanders.

Why choose Specsavers for your Clinical Placement?

Gain a first-hand understanding of the way we work by choosing to complete a placement with Specsavers as part of your journey towards becoming a qualified optometrist:



Variety
through volume

Our practices have a large patient base that will expose you to a broad range of optometric presentations and provide relevant experience to prepare you for professional practice.



Equipment
& Technology

See how we use the latest technology, including OCT as standard, to provide comprehensive eyecare services and improve patient outcomes.



Large
network

With over 400 stores, you can find a Specsavers practice in a location that suits your preferences - from metropolitan to outer regional areas.



Locally
owned practices

Learn from the optometrist and retail directors, who will be able to provide you with insight into how their practice fits into the healthcare system in their community.



Dedicated &
experienced Supervisors

Specsavers supervisors volunteer to host student placements because they are genuinely committed to helping train the next generation of optometrists.

The Process



Before you start

- Dedicated Graduate Recruitment Consultant to support you with arranging clinical placements across the Specsavers network
- Access to online orientation resources to prepare you for placement



When you start

- Structured on-boarding program delivered by your in-store mentor/s and wider store team
- Financial support available for some regional placements



During placement

- Active follow-up and support from your dedicated Graduate Recruitment Consultant
- Acquire real-world experience across all aspects of the optometric profession
- Support systems to ensure you achieve your personal goals during placement



After placement

- Talk to your Graduate Recruitment Consultant about opportunities for graduate employment and receive ongoing support throughout the recruitment process

Hear what past students have to say

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The Specsavers model means that anyone can afford an eye test and that no one is left without fundamental eye care. For optometrists this means that you get the volume and thus see more pathology, and interesting and rare cases helping to further develop you as a health practitioner.

Yvonne Koh, Deakin University

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I was supported throughout by the clinical team and I saw so much pathology which was a great learning experience.

Stacey Furness, University of Melbourne

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

Vincent Lin, QUT

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It was great being able to translate my theoretical knowledge from university into real life practice. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to gain this invaluable experience.

Kevin La, UNSW

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Specsavers were able to provide valuable placement opportunities, both in the metro areas and in the country. I had multiple excellent mentors and supportive staff.

Louise Combe, Flinders

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Specsavers offers so many extra opportunities throughout placement such as observing and personally managing a variety of ocular pathologies under the support of my fantastic mentor, and am now equipped with the clinical skills, efficiency and precision that you need for practical examinations

Aidi Jin, University of Auckland



Interested in finding out more?

Contact your Graduate Recruitment Consultant today



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