

Does Out Loud Developmental Services host work experience placements?

Yes we do! Out Loud is committed to encouraging and providing observation opportunities for students who are interested in working in the Allied Health sector. We welcome high school students for work experience or university students for observation placements. While we will try to accommodate all applications, work experience availability is dependent on a number of factors including supervisor availability, clinic workload and other commitments.

Where can I find out more about Out Loud?

We encourage you to visit our website – <http://outlouddevelopment.com>. The website contains information about what we do, a video tour of the clinic, photos of our team and lots more.

Where do I come for work experience?

Out Loud Developmental Services is based in the Wollaston Complex (1 Henley Drive, Bunbury). The main Out Loud clinic is at the right of the complex (the side closest to the main road – Picton Road).

What time will I be expected to attend?

Unless another arrangement is made with your school/university, placement hours are the same as our clinic hours – 8.30am – 4.30pm.

What does work experience at Out Loud involve?

While on work experience at Out Loud, your timetable will be filled with activities that reflect what our therapists do throughout a day. This may be observing Speech Pathology or Occupational therapy sessions, joining in with a therapy program (group) or participating in a team meeting. We aim for you to be watching and learning from our therapists as much as possible. If your school or university allows you to travel outside of the clinic, you may come on community visits with us to schools, daycare clinics or clients' homes.

What type of clients will I see at Out Loud?

Out Loud provides therapy services to children 16 years and under to support their communication, functional skills (eating, sleeping, toileting, playing), motor development, and emotional and sensory needs. Some of these clients will have a disability or diagnosis such as autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome or another genetic difference.

What if I see someone I know while on placement?

Our community can be a very small place at times, so there is a chance you will know someone who attends our clinic. Any information you hear, or interactions you see while on placement are to be considered confidential and must not be discussed outside of the clinic. We expect you to treat our clients and their families with the utmost respect for their privacy and safety. All students will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement at the start of their placement.

Do I need to do anything before coming to Out Loud for work experience?

No specific preparation is required for work experience placements. As you will be interacting with children, you may like to think about toys, games and topics that interest children from 2 – 12. Sometimes a therapist may ask you to play with a child while they talk to their parent.

What will happen on my first day of work experience?

All work experience placements start with a clinic tour and orientation to our core processes. We will share what we think your placement will look like (this may change) and answer any questions you have.

What should I do if I have additional support needs while on placement?

Out Loud aims to support our team as needed and can work towards accommodating specific needs while you are on placement. If you have additional support needs, please contact us prior to your placement starting or discuss with us during orientation on your first day.

What should I do if I have an issue on placement?

If you are unsure, worried or need help while on placement, please speak to either your supervising therapist or placement coordinator who will work with you to support your needs.

What should I wear for work experience?

The Out Loud clinic dress code is smart casual. Your school or university polo with dress pants or trousers is a great uniform to wear while on placement. Other appropriate items include blouse or button-down shirt or plain t-shirt (no large logos or words). Activewear, swimwear and denim are not part of our uniform dress code. We encourage practical and comfortable footwear such as sneakers or trainers, sandals or boots. Please do not wear shoes with high heels or shoes that may slip off such as thongs. If you have a name badge, please wear this while in the clinic.

What kitchen facilities do you have?

Out Loud has a team lunch room that has a fridge, microwave, kettle, toaster and toasted sandwich maker. Within the complex, there is a fish & chip shop where you can buy your lunch. There are cafes and other food options within a short drive from the clinic if you would like to get lunch offsite. We allow 30 mins for lunch breaks.

Where should I park?

If you are driving to the clinic, please park in any bay in the complex except the ones directly in front of the main clinic. We try to keep these free for our clients. Parking is free and untimed.

Who can I contact if I have any questions about a work experience placement?

Please contact our main clinic by phone – 0421 729 625 or email – info@outlouddevelopment.com. Your enquiry will be directed to the relevant team member who will get back to you.