

## **Protocol for Pre-Registration Nursing and Midwifery Student Annual Leave**

On commencement of Nursing and Midwifery Programmes, students will be provided adequate notice of the fixed annual leave dates for the entire three years. Annual leave has been planned to assist with placement capacity, enabling an even distribution of all students between the university setting and practice placements. Therefore, students are unable to request a change to these planned annual leave dates and will be informed that there is not a process to allow for different annual leave periods.

Students are not allowed to independently swap or change their annual leave periods and an attempt to do so, could be construed as unprofessional behaviour, and may result in investigation under the professional suitability policy.

This protocol should be clearly communicated to all programme team members and students. This will ensure a coherent approach across fields of practice.