

# ClinEdSA COMMUNIQUE

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ClinEdSA is the name for the delivery arm of South Australia's Integrated Regional Clinical Training Network, an initiative supported by Health Workforce Australia and the health and education sectors in South Australia. ClinEdSA will work in partnership with both sectors to increase the availability & quality of clinical placements for health professional students & trainees across all of South Australia.



Paul Lambert, ClinEdSA's Inaugural Manager. Former Adelaide Health Service Executive Director of Allied Health Services, Paul has worked in professional leadership, education and management positions including five years at NHS Education for Scotland.

## ClinEdSA appoints Manager and gets to work

ClinEdSA is South Australia's (SA) response to a key Health Workforce Australia (HWA) initiative called Integrated Regional Clinical Training Networks (IRCTNs).

ClinEdSA works through a Board with representation from SA's education sectors and health and community care providers from SA Health, private hospitals and the aged care sector.

ClinEdSA is committed to working in partnership to ensure high quality clinical training experiences for students as well as safe and effective care delivery to the population of South Australia.

The inaugural manager for ClinEdSA is Paul Lambert, former Executive Director of Allied Health in the Adelaide Health Service. Paul will be building a small team of experts over the next few months working out of UniSA offices on the former Underdale Campus.

ClinEdSA will play a key role in supporting, coordinating and brokering solutions to clinical

education issues across all of South Australia and will provide a vehicle for implementing HWA programs such as the Clinical Supervision and Support Program (CSSP) as well as the Simulated Learning Environments (SLE) program.

A key focus for the unit will be on building capacity and quality for clinical training placements and working with health organisations to build a culture of learning.

Specifically, ClinEdSA will establish a knowledgebase of data and information on clinical training and clinical supervision. It will focus on supporting the coordination, delivery and quality of clinical training and supervision while promoting continuous improvement and innovation.

ClinEdSA will establish networks specifically to build clinical training capacity and develop collaborative approaches to address operational issues.

SA Health supports ClinEdSA by hosting the unit under the Health

Reform Division as well as by contributing staff and expertise previously employed in the Nursing and Midwifery Office under the ClinPlaceSA banner. The ClinPlaceSA team will now come under the management of ClinEdSA and functions will align as these are agreed with the SA IRCTN Board.

The ClinPlaceSA team's expertise in coordinating clinical placements will be invaluable to ClinEdSA in moving these initiatives forward in line with Health Workforce Australia's key national health workforce planning, policy, training and reform initiatives.

ClinEdSA is currently completing a communications strategy following which meetings with strategic leads will occur.

**Prof Esther May**  
**Inaugural Chair**  
**SA IRCTN Board**



# Frequently Asked Questions

The South Australian Integrated Regional Clinical Training Network (IRCTN) is in its early days, however stakeholders from all sectors: education and health; public and private; metro and rural are committed to working together to make the South Australian model a success.

## What is an Integrated Regional Clinical Training Network?

Integrated Regional Clinical Training Networks (IRCTNs) are supported by [Health Workforce Australia](#) (HWA), and will be set up in each state to provide support for clinical training opportunities and health professionals. They will play a pivotal role in facilitating, identifying and aligning clinical training placements across the higher education (including VET) and clinical training sectors at a local and regional level.

South Australia has opted for one Network across the whole state. Other states have adopted different models with multiple networks. You can find out more about IRCTNs [here](#).

## What is ClinEdSA?

ClinEdSA is South Australia's name for the delivery and program management arm of the Integrated Regional Clinical Training Network (IRCTN). Each state in Australia is setting up these networks to support and develop clinical training opportunities for health professions with funding and direction from [Health Workforce Australia](#).

## Who runs ClinEdSA?

The funding for ClinEdSA is provided by Health Workforce Australia (HWA), a federal non-statutory organisation which reports to the Australian Health Ministers' Conference (AHMC). SA Health is the host organisation and employer of ClinEdSA staff, and Paul Lambert is the ClinEdSA's Manager. The Manager reports to an Board made up of representatives from SA Universities, the vocational education and training (VET) sector, private health providers, the private hospital sector, aged care providers as well as public health service providers. This Board determines the priorities and objectives for ClinEdSA, led by the Chair, Prof Esther May. SA Health is the host organization for ClinEdSA staff to ensure that administrative overheads are kept to a minimum.

## What will ClinEdSA do?

ClinEdSA will work through the Board and representatives to build long-term relationships between education providers and placement providers with the broad aim to increase the numbers, types and quality of student placements in

the health professions in South Australia. ClinEdSA, in its role as South Australia's Integrated Regional Training Network, will also oversee and coordinate a number of Health Workforce Australia's national projects such as the [Clinical Support and Supervision Program](#) and the [Simulated Learning Environments Program](#).

## What Professional Groups are covered?

ClinEdSA is funded through HWA and will follow HWA guidelines regarding professions covered. See the HWA website for more information.

## Will ClinEdSA have a role in placement allocation?

ClinPlaceSA was a unit of SA Health established to provide support and coordination to nursing and midwifery student placements. The staff and functions of ClinPlaceSA have transitioned to ClinEdSA and a review is underway to examine the role, governance and management of this component of work. Stability and certainty regarding 2012 placements is a priority and ClinEdSA will work with the Board and stakeholders to ensure a smooth transition.

## Is it just about students?

No. The Integrated Regional Clinical Training Networks have a role to support clinical education and training across the continuum. In South Australia, this will mean close working relationships between ClinEdSA and [SAIMET](#), the South Australian Institute of Medical Education and Training.

## How do I get more involved or get more information?

More information will be provided over the coming weeks and months as ClinEdSA establishes websites and other forms of communication as well as a brand and logo. You can contact Paul Lambert on [paul2.lambert@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:paul2.lambert@health.sa.gov.au) if you have queries.



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