

Block Placement Goals

A block placement is usually a four week full-time placement in a ministry role significantly different to a student's Semester placements and involves 120-160 hours of preparation, observation, ministry and reflection.

Before the block placement or at the commencement of the placement, the trainer and student complete this sheet, indicating the learning goals of the block placement. It is essential that the trainer and student work together in goal setting and agree on the goals, plan and assessment.

Setting clear goals is likely to make a block placement far more useful and satisfying for both the student and trainer.

Some of the learning goals may involve experiencing and observing ministries, however these goal should include reflection on and learning from those experiences.

Some of the goals should include ministry practice. Agree on skills which the student will attempt to develop during the block placement and plan a way in which those skills can be developed and assessed.

The example below gives possible goals for a placement which focuses on children's evangelism. One goal concerns understanding developed from observation and reflection, the other is a ministry practice goal.

Goal	Plan to achieve goal	When	Assessment
to understand evangelistic children's ministry	observation, discussion with leadership team, involvement in ministry, visiting parents, reading	2 weeks	Write a brief report
to present effective evangelistic program for children	assist for two weeks, plan 3rd week with trainer, 4th week 'solo' - with feedback at each step	4 weeks	Review with team

Identify up to seven goals and how these will be achieved. The more concrete the goals, the plan and the assessment the more useful the training process is likely to be.

Student Name: _____

Trainer Name: _____

Block Placement: _____

Dates of placement: _____

Expected role and ministry involvement of student:
 (Outline the expected activities, with an approximate guide to how much time each will take in the placement).

Goal	Plan to achieve goal	When	Assessment

Student signature: _____ Date / /

Trainer signature : _____ Date / /

This sheet is submitted to the FES Co-ordinator at the conclusion of block placement, along with the Trainers Review and Student Report.