# Peer-assisted learning and assessment in clinical placement for nutrition students

MEST-ERN: implementing a new model for clinical placement in primary health care to meet the challenges of lacking supervisors and placement sites for nutrition students

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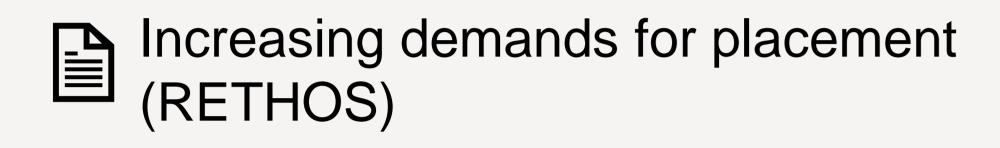
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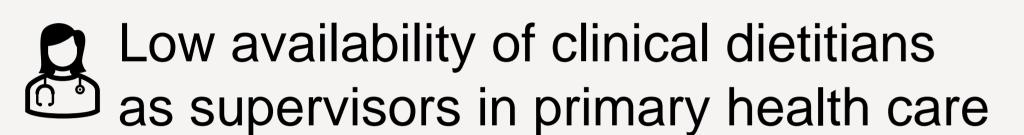
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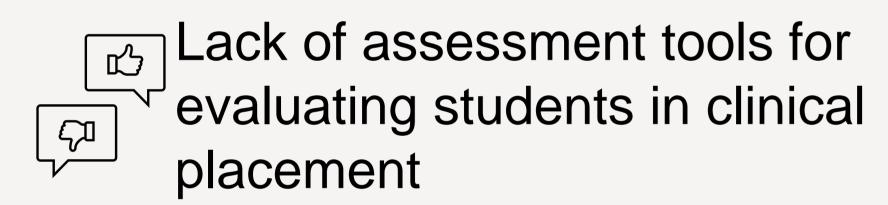
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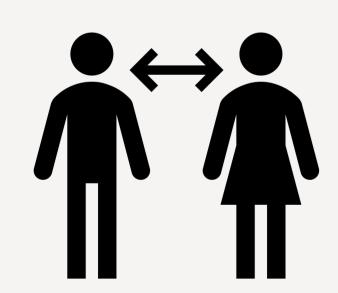
## **BACKGROUND**

New models for clinical placement in primary health care are needed because of





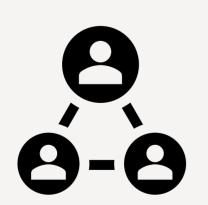




Peer-assisted learning (PAL) is when samelevel-students observe, assess and provide feedback to each other<sup>1,2</sup>. This is shown to



Enhance learning for both students involved



Increase placement capacity as fewer supervisors are needed

To develop, implement and evaluate a model for peer-assisted learning and assessment for nutrition students in clinical placement in primary health care.

#### **METHODS**

Nutrition students in their 6th semester at UiB will be allocated in pairs to a four-week-placement in primary health care. They will typically have supervisors who are not dietitians. The students will observe, assess and provide feedback to each other based on clinical and communicative skills demonstrated in patient consultations. The project is organized in three work packages (WP):



# Clinical placement model

Planning and development of the placement model.

Preparation resources will be developed:

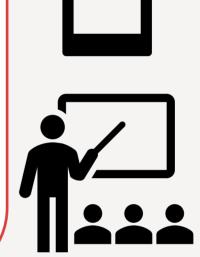
Mini-CEX (Clinical Evaluation Exercise)

- App with structured learning activities for use before and during clinical placement
- Classroom-training in PAL, Mini-CEX, patient cases, communication

placement for supervisor-student, peer-peer, and self-assessment.

Supervisors and students will be trained in how to apply it correctly.





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# An assessment and feedback tool originally developed to assess medical doctors. Mini-CEX will be validated for use in nutrition

# Evaluation & research

- Student satisfaction and learning outcomes before and after implementation of new placement model
- Feedback literacy how well students understand and use feedback to improve their learning and performance<sup>3</sup>
- User data from the app

# **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- → Enhanced learning, and different learning outcomes, among students
- → Increased satisfaction among placement sites and possibly students
- → A transferable model to other nutrition educations as well as other health professions where supervision resources in the municipalities are scarce, e.g., pharmacists and psychologists.



The Mini-CEX assessment form, translated to Norwegian and adapted for nutrition consultations4



## PROJECT GROUP

MEST-ERN is a shared project between the Centre for Medical Education (Enhet for læring) and Department of Clinical Medicine (K1) of the Medical Faculty at UiB. The project group also has representatives from Centre for Interdisciplinary Placement Learning (TVEPS), UiB Learning Lab, Bergen municipality, University of Oslo, University of Tromsø and a student representative.

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