

## University of Bradford - Master of Physician Associate (MPA) Placements

The University of Bradford welcomes new primary care providers who would like to host placements for our Master of Physician Associate (MPA) students. Placement providers can get involved with hosting placements anytime. Further information about our placements and requirements is provided below.

### Master of Physician Associate

Physician Associates work alongside GPs and work as part of a multi-disciplinary team to assess patients, diagnose health concerns, support those with long-term conditions and provide advice on how to stay healthy and well.

### Benefits of hosting a Physician Associate Student on placement

If you are interested in engaging with student placements, the University will work with you to explain what you need to do to support the students and to facilitate the process, so that you, service users and the students gain the most benefit from the placement.

#### *Benefits of hosting a student on placement includes:*

- Promote your service, develop more external relationships and gain recruitment opportunities.
- Improve service user outcomes.
- Support the learning culture within your service.
- Enable your own staff development.
- Receive payment tariff for circa £102 per student per day.
- Help shape and educate the workforce of the future.
- Build and enhance evidence of meeting the fundamental standards and CQC's quality statements.

### Mode of Placement

Our Master of Physician Associate programme runs for two years, with a heavy focus on placement activity.

The placement structure in primary care is as follows:

#### **Year 1**

##### **Duration: - Two rotations per academic year**

- 10-week block, between October to December – Wednesdays only
- 12-week block, between January and March – Wednesdays only
- Placements to take place on Wednesdays only. (Inclusive; 8 hrs per day inc lunch)

## **Year 2**

### **Duration: - Two rotations per academic year**

- 1 month block in October
- 1 month block between March and April
- Placements to take place Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays, excluding Wednesdays. (Inclusive; 8 hrs per day inc lunch)

## **Assessment**

### **At the end of the placement, students are required to complete:**

- 1 Mini Clinical Evaluation Exercise - Mini-CEx; 20 min observation of the student consulting with a patient 'on the job'.
- 1 Case Based Discussion; 20-minute face to face meeting with the student and based on the content of a written case clerking.
- Students are also required to keep a DOPS (Direct Observation of Practical Skills) Form for skills applied in placement, such as assessment of vital signs, venepuncture, injections, if the opportunity rises.
- An End of Placement Assessment. (This is done by the supervisor, and any concerns should be raised by supervisor). DOPS can be signed off by qualified PAs with two years' experience in the workplace.

## **Supervision**

Students need to be assigned a clinical supervisor. Any qualified member of the multi-disciplinary team such as a GP should be able to sign-off the student placement.

## **Funding**

These placements are funded by NHSE. The current rate of pay is £102 per student, per day.

## **Further Information**

As this is a postgraduate qualification, our students possess experience within the health and care sectors and most of them acquire an undergraduate degree within a health discipline, which means that they will be able to support you more within the clinical environment. We have workbooks available for each stage and these are available on request.

It is up to the placement host to decide how many students they wish to accommodate at a time, depending on capacity.

## **Register interest for MPA student placements**

To register your interest to host MPA students on placements, please contact the University's Clinical Placement Development Manager, via [n.rahman@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:n.rahman@bradford.ac.uk).