

Would you like **Physician Associates** in your practice?

EXCITING NEW TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

Starting from January 2019

Help Shape the Primary Care Workforce of the Future



We are looking for host practices to accommodate a pair of students on Wednesdays during the two years of their MSc course

For further information on teaching our PA students, please contact:

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THE ROLE OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE (PA) IN THE UK

'Physician associates (previously called physician assistants) provide generalist clinical care in general practice, typically seeing people with acute minor illness. They have two years training, most after a basic science degree. This training follows the model of a medical qualification (for example, taking histories, performing examinations, making diagnoses, interpreting tests). Unlike the US, physician associates in the UK need authorisation from a doctor when they judge that a patient needs a prescription. Working under the supervision of a GP, they can make a significant contribution to practice workload' ([The future of primary care report, Primary Care Workforce Commission](#)).

For more information about the PA profession visit: www.fparcp.co.uk

TEACHING PA STUDENTS

In July 2015 the Primary Care Workforce Commission recommended the increased use of physician associates in primary care to help address the well documented shortage of GPs. Here in East London, Barts and the London has worked with primary care leads in the local STP to develop an MSc in Physician Associate Studies to try to meet the needs of the local health community and the population we serve. Our MSc programme sees students placed in primary care from week 2 of the programme with students spending 46 days in total over two years at your practice, giving you an opportunity to inspire and motivate students to work in primary care locally and for them to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to pass the national licensing exam but also to be able to work with your patients.

STRUCTURE

Students would be with you for 46 Wednesdays in total over 2 years and the practice will be paid for providing clinical opportunities and supervision.

KEY DATES

TEACHING DATES:

Year 1 - 2019

Term 1 - Centralised Teaching

16th Jan, 23rd Jan, 30th Jan, 6th Feb

Term 2 - GP Placement

29th May, 5th Jun, 12th Jun, 19th Jun, 26th Jun, 10th Jul, 17th Jul

Term 3 - GP Placement

14th Aug, 21st Aug, 28th Aug, 4th Sept, 25th Sept, 2nd Oct, 9th Oct, 16th Oct

Year 2 - 2020

Term 1 - GP Placement

8th Jan, 15th Jan, 22nd Jan, 29th Jan, 5th Feb, 19th Feb, 26th Feb, 4th Mar, 25th Mar, 1st Apr

Term 2 - GP Placement

13th May, 20th May, 27th May, 3rd Jun, 10th Jun, 17th Jun, 24th Jun, 8th Jul, 15th Jul

Term 3 - GP Placement

2nd Sept, 9th Sept, 16th Sept, 23rd Sept, 30th Sept, 7th Oct, 14th Oct, 21st Oct

TRAINING EVENT:

We will be running a training event on the afternoon of **Wednesday 28th November 2018** for all tutors new to teaching PA students. This will be an opportunity for you to be orientated to the programme and the role, and to meet the faculty, some GP tutors who are already hosting students and some of our current PA students.

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