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Health Education
England aim to
recruit 1000 PAs
into Primary Care
by 2020

Would you like **Physician Associate Students** in your practice?

New Teaching Opportunities

Starting May 2020

We are looking for host practices to accommodate a pair of students during the two years of their MSc Course.

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What is a Physician Associate?

'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.](#)

Teaching PA students

Our MSc programme sees students placed in primary care from term 2, in total they spend 48 days over the 2 years on placement in primary care. They start by shadowing GPs and other members of the primary care team as they consult; and throughout the placement build their skills in taking histories, clinical examinations and managing common conditions.

By the end of the programme students will be able to see patients independently in their own clinics under supervision by a GP.

Previous students have chosen to work in primary care as a result of their inspirational placement. They have been helped to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to pass the national licensing exam and succeed as a health professional in the NHS.

Teaching Dates

Year 1 - 2020		
Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Centralised Teaching (Non-Practice Based)	18 May to 5 June or 8 June to 26 June Block Placement	9 consecutive Wednesdays from August 12

Year 2 - 2021
24 Wednesdays starting in March 2021. Dates to be confirmed.

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