

# Would you like Physician Associates in your practice?

***EXCITING NEW TEACHING OPPORTUNITY***  
***Starting from May 2020***

**Help Shape the Primary Care Workforce of the Future**



We are looking for host practices to accommodate a pair of students 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](http://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 term 2 of the programme, with students spending 48 days in total over two years at your practice. This gives 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

In the first year the students would be with you for a 3 week block in June and 9 Wednesdays starting in August. In the second year the student will spend 24 Wednesdays in general practice and the practice will be paid for providing clinical opportunities and supervision.

## TEACHING DATES:

### Year 1 – 2020

**Term 1 – Centralised Teaching (Non-Practice Based)**

### Term 2 – GP Placement

18<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June  
or 8<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June

### Term 3 – GP Placement

12<sup>th</sup> Aug, 19<sup>th</sup> Aug, 26<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct,

### Year 2 – 2021

24 Wednesdays starting in March 2021. Dates to be confirmed.

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