

MSc Physician Associate Studies - Curriculum Overview 2024-25

		Term 1 (w/c 2nd Sept)	Term 2	Term 3					
Year 1	Induction to course	FCP 1 (Foundations of Clinical Practice). Includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case Based Discussion. Wed AM. - Evidence Based Medicine and Quality Improvement in Healthcare. Tues AM. - Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Wed PM - Anatomy. Flexible. - RAPS (Responsibilities, Attitudes and Professionalism). Wed PM. 				Revision and exams	Introduction to secondary care	Rotation 0	
		C2C 1 (Classroom to Clinic). Includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communication Skills. Tues PM. - Population Health. Tues AM - Ethics. Tues PM. - Clinical Skills. Mon ALL DAY - History Taking and Interpretation. Thurs AM 						Introduction to General Medicine Placement	Mental Health Placement
		Primary Care Placement. 30 Fridays. As far as possible, it should follow that students practise what they have learnt that week in a clinical setting. Students are expected to complete workplace-based assessments (DOPS, CBD and MiniCEX) and reflective logs.						3 weeks	3 weeks
NOTES. Continuing assessment throughout Year 1 includes workplace-based assessments, written assignments including the Case Study (term 1) and Quality Improvement Essay (term 2). Formative written exam at start of Term 3 followed by summative written (MCQ/EMQ) and OSCE early June 2025.									
Year 2	Introduction to 2 nd Year	C2C 2 & FCP 2. Interspersed campus weeks covering ethics, clinical skills, reflection, interprofessional education, comms skills, specialty teaching before each rotation, and exam preparation.						Revision and Exams	Revision for PA National Exams in Sep
		Rotation 1 – Medical Specialties General Medicine Paediatrics Care of the Elderly Dermatology Acute Medicine 9 weeks	Rotation 2 Primary Care Placement 3 weeks	Dissertation Block 2 weeks	Rotation 3 – Surgical Specialties General Surgery ENT and Ophthalmology Obstetrics and Gynaecology Emergency Medicine 10 weeks	Rotation 4 General Medicine Placement 3 weeks	Rotation 5 Primary Care & Hospice Placement 3 weeks		
		Dissertation module: Quality Improvement Project undertaken in primary or secondary care. 7000-word report and presentation (Sep 2025)							
NOTES. Some placements require attendance on late evening and/or night shifts. Students complete workplace-based assessments throughout the year. Placement attendance and professionalism are components of this. Students must complete an oral Case Presentation (Term 2) and an Ethical Case Analysis (Term 2). Final written exam and OSCE take place in early July 2025.									
Key:		Induction/intro sessions	Primary Care Placement	Secondary Care Placement	Other colours = Taught Modules (C2C, FCP and Dissertation)		Exams		