



University of Essex

Practice Educator Support

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In this document you will find:

- **Information about the different ways we provide training and support to practice educators**
- **Access and sign-up instructions**
- **Information about bespoke in-person training**

Health and Care Professions (H&CP) Practice Education Guidance (2016)

The Health and Care Professions (H&CP) Education Leads Group, in collaboration with the National Association of Educators in Practice (NAEP) and the Council of Deans of Health (CoDH) developed a statement about practice education to which the CSP contributed and committed support to.

The purpose of the statement and its associated guidance is to foster a culture whereby all learners experience an inclusive, learning-centred, empowering and level appropriate learning experience in practice.

It advises practice educators should:

- take responsibility for acquiring and developing the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to facilitate and support the learning of others.
- undertake initial practice educator preparation and training, facilitated by the education provider relevant to the profession.
- engage in on-going continuing professional development (CPD) related to practice education.

In line with the CSP Practice Based-Learning Principles (2022) team approach, and Health and Care Professions Standards for Education (2017) 5.6: Ensuring practice educators have relevant knowledge, skills and experience to support safe and effective learning, the University of Essex Physiotherapy programmes are facilitating the following, free to access, opportunities for our practice partners:

- 1. Asynchronous, virtual practice educator induction: NHS Learning Hub**
- 2. In-person organisation visits**
- 3. Ongoing support**

Practice Educator induction: NHS Learning Hub

Our educator training is no longer “Nuts and Bolts” as, as many of our practice educators will know it, we have aligned ourselves with AHP educator training on the NHS Learning Hub to aid consistency with educator information across the country.

This online practice educator induction training, developed and hosted by the NHS Learning Hub, is also available in asynchronous form, freely accessible to new or existing practice educators. We recommend all aspiring practice educators complete the training, as well as educators wishing to refresh their understanding of practice education. Information regarding this can be found on our [Physiotherapy Placement Resources webpage](#). Information about the Common Placement Assessment Form can also be found here, as well as information regarding the ePAD, which houses student progress throughout their placement journeys. Details of our Physiotherapy programmes, what is taught, and when is available, as are our paperwork and policies.

In-person organisation visits

To support the online practice educator induction training, a member of the UoE physio placements team will be available to visit organisations on request to hold half-day drop-in sessions. This is to supply practice educators with a flexible Q&A session around their caseload commitments.

Visits can be requested and subsequently advertised to workforces via local practice education leads. If you feel this would be useful for your organisation, then please contact sresplacements@essex.ac.uk to enquire.

All practice educators who have recently, or are about to, support students on placement are welcome to use these sessions to ask questions and discuss anything related to organising and facilitating a placement.

Ongoing support

At any stage of placement planning, delivery or review we can support practice partners and practice educators via the placement mobile: 07785286371 please contact us.

