



Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences Physiotherapy placement map

Physiotherapy placements

Physiotherapy students will complete 1,000 hours of practice based learning across a range of health and social care settings as a requirement of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP).

UWE Bristol work closely with a range of placement providers across the NHS, social enterprises, independent, voluntary, private and military sectors so all students have the opportunity to undertake a range of different placements across their studies.

The map provides an approximation of the geographical area from which we source our placements but this may change over time. We have a robust system of audit and quality assurance in place to ensure placements meet the requirements of the CSP and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Students will take part in at least one of each of the following types of placement:

Acute hospital settings

Providing experience in areas such as orthopaedics, respiratory, neurology, surgery, medicine, older people, oncology, burns and plastics. Locations include the following; Southmead and the Bristol Royal Infirmary (BRI) in Bristol; the Royal United Hospital (RUH) in Bath; Great Western Hospital (GWH) in Swindon; Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (GRH) and Cheltenham General Hospital (CGH) in Gloucestershire; Weston General Hospital (WGH) in Weston-Super-Mare; and Musgrove Park in Taunton.

Community and Rehabilitation settings

Providing experience in a diverse range of multi-professional teams across a number of different community and rehabilitation settings. These include community hospitals (such as South Bristol, Chippenham, St. Martins near Bath, Warminster and Lydney) or integrated teams based in clinics (such as Downend, Patchway and Knowle in Bristol).

Outpatient settings

Opportunities to gain experience of a breadth of different conditions within musculoskeletal in an outpatient hospital or clinic setting. These include both larger departments (e.g. Southmead, BRI, RUH, GRH, CGH, GWH and WGH) and smaller departments (e.g. Warminster, Knowle West Health Park or Hampton House in Bristol, Lydney and Chippenham). Placements may include experience of hydrotherapy, accident and emergency clinics, classes and hand clinics.

Specialist settings

Specialist placement opportunities include: mental health and learning disabilities (2gether and Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS trusts); women's health (CGH, BRI and GWH); rheumatology (Southmead, RUH and BRI); pain services in Bath; paediatrics (Bristol Children's Hospital, RUH, Gloucestershire Care Services, Children's Community Health Partnership in Bristol and Brainwave in Bridgewater); end of life care (BRI, Dorothy House Hospice and Prospect Hospice); complex neurological rehabilitation (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU)), Head Injury Therapy Unit (HITU) and MS Therapy centre in Bristol, Glenside Care near Salisbury and The Dean and Leonard Cheshire Home in Gloucestershire.

Students may also have the opportunity to take part in the placements below:

Military settings

UWE Bristol work in partnership with DMRC Headley Court and a select number of students have the opportunity to carry out a placement here each year.

International opportunities

Physiotherapy students are able to apply for placements in Norway or Finland. These students will experience different healthcare systems, cultures and travel.

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