

Placement Support and Expectations for Physician Associate Students

While on placement, students are expected to develop their knowledge and understanding across various medical and surgical specialties within both primary and secondary care settings.

Please refer to the downloads section to access the Programme booklet, Primary Care and Secondary Care handbooks, raising a concern and reporting guidelines for students and placement providers.

Placement Appearance Guidelines

- Students must wear their BNU Physician Associate name badge along with BNU-branded scrubs, clearly identifying them as BNU PA students. They should also carry their competency cards for Year 1 and Year 2.
- In addition to BNU scrubs, some students may wear Trust-approved scrubs or professional attire in primary care settings, as appropriate.
- Comfortable, clean, and work-appropriate footwear is required.
- High standards of personal hygiene must be maintained at all times.

Reporting Concerns

Any concern forms submitted will be retained in the student's file to identify potential patterns over time. Students are encouraged to submit a response if they disagree with any part of the concern form. When a concern is raised within a Trust or Practice setting, the student's Clinical Mentor and the relevant Programme Lead/Placement Link Tutor will be informed.

Contact Information

For questions about the Physician Associate Studies programme or placement support, please contact the Placement Support team.

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