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The UCLH GP Training Programme

This programme is affiliated with the UCLH Trust, one of the oldest teaching hospitals in the country, located in the heart of London. We aim to provide a varied, holistic and stimulating educational programme and we are able to

draw on the excellent facilities and teaching available in UCLH and a massive range of consultant expertise as would be expected from a world leading clinical centre of excellence. We have an enthusiastic and committed group of GP Trainers who will ensure that your GP placements will provide you with a training experience second to none, and will equip you for the wider world of independent practice.

Our training practices are based mainly in the Camden and Islington areas of North London. An area of huge ethnic, social and linguistic diversity which makes for a rich and challenging training experience.

The hospital rotations include posts from:

- Emergency Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Paediatrics
- Acute Medical Unit
- Genito-urinary Medicine
- Care of the Elderly
- Psychiatry & Old Age Psychiatry
- Otolaryngology
- GP Integrated Training Post – Undergraduate Medical Education

From August 2021 our programme will consist of two posts (6-month duration) from the above list and 24 months in General practice. We are in the process of designing some exciting new *GP Plus* posts which will combine part time working in a local GP practice with additional experience in community or hospital specialties. Examples of such posts might include palliative care, rheumatology and respiratory medicine. We hope to expand the range of such posts over the next couple of years and anticipate that most of our trainees will have the opportunity to undertake one of these posts during their three-year rotation.

Location

All the GP training posts are based within an easy commute from Central London. In most cases our training posts are based within the Camden and Islington area of North London. More information about the training practices can be found here:

<https://uclhgptrainers.com/>

The secondary care posts are in UCLH, St Pancras Hospital, Mortimer Market Clinic and Highgate Mental Health Centre.

This central location provides ready access to all that London has to offer and excellent public transport links facilitate access between sites.

Educational activities

The trainees meet weekly during term times on Wednesday afternoons at the UCLH Postgraduate Medical Education Centre, on Euston Road. During the Covid Pandemic we have continued to meet online. The teaching programme is varied and includes guest speakers, trainee led sessions and visits to places of interest to GPs. We also have case discussions and small group work. We are linked to the UCLH Simulation Faculty and have regular training events. We have an annual 2-day residential training event.

The aim is to create an environment where individuals feel supported by their peers so that they are able to reflect and learn but also able to question and analyse what is being taught.

Highlights

- Central location with access to excellent teaching and a diverse patient population
- Provide experience in at least two GP teaching Practices in Camden and Islington.
- ST3 / Trainer matching scheme providing some flexibility and choice in your final year of training
- Supportive environment – from the Programme Directors, the GP Trainers, the Postgraduate Medical Education Department and fellow trainees
- Varied and stimulating teaching programme drawing from the arts and humanities as well as local expert resources
- Annual residential course providing unique learning opportunities
- 24 months of Primary Care based posts including newly developing *GP Plus* posts
- A GP/Education ITP post provides an exciting opportunity for those who are interested in teaching and would like to develop their career in Medical Education in the future. It is based at a big local teaching GP practice and involves 50 % seeing patients and 50% teaching undergraduate student from the UCL/Royal Free Medical School in the community. For the teaching component the trainee has close contact with the very supportive department of Primary Care at the Medical school. The feedback from the trainees who have done this post so far has been consistently positive.

Trainee testimonials/quotes from trainees

“It has been a great three years and your enthusiasm for GP has really rubbed off. It’s great to be leaving the course looking forward to working as a GP”

“I feel like I’ve really learnt about the best parts of medicine and GP. You’ve made me a more well-balanced doctor...The values you share with us will stay with me forever”

More Information

Any queries about the scheme should be directed to the UCLH Postgraduate Medical Education Centre: uclh.enquiry.mdes@nhs.net or to the Programme Directors.

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