

Thinking of working abroad after F2?

If you are currently in your second foundation programme year and are thinking of working abroad in 2010 before applying for a GP training programme in 2011, we may be able to make your 2011 application a little easier by allowing you to take the GP Stage 2 assessment before you go. We can't allow you to apply for a deferred start date (that's against the rules) and we can't allow you to take any of the GP assessments remotely but if you take the Stage 2 assessment a year early, you would only have to return once for Selection Centre in 2011. More information about this is given on our web site or you can e-mail us at:

Victoria@gprecruitment.org.uk for more information.



Key Dates for 2010 Applications

Applications can be submitted via the web site from:

7th December 2009 until **20th December 2009**

Foundation Competency evidence submitted to first choice deanery by **11th January 2010**

Stage 2 Shortlisting assessment:

6th February 2010

Stage 3 Selection Centre:

1st to 12th March 2010

Offers accepted by:

24th March 2010

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Train for a career in General Practice

Variety, challenge and uncertainty is the essence of general practice. Communication skills, empathy and sensitivity is the essence of being a GP. If you enjoy intellectual challenge and the chance of continuity of care for patients and their families, GP is for you.



General practitioners will continue to have a critical role in the NHS, not only consulting with patients but also as providers and organisers of an increasing range of high quality services in the community, and as gatekeepers of hospital care. This pivotal position is dependent upon the clinical role of general practitioners with their patients and their ability to manage and provide leadership.

All general practitioners of the future will need to be generalists, clinicians, team players, life-long learners and managers (at least of themselves). Some will need to provide leadership for the larger and more complex primary care

organisations that will emerge, and more widely for the primary care led NHS.

The Training Programme

To ensure that you become a competent, effective and confident general practitioner of tomorrow as well as directly addressing the GP curriculum, deaneries will tailor your training to your individual needs and your particular rate of progress. You will be assigned an educational supervisor based in General Practice throughout your time on the programme who will help you through the nMRCGP procedures using an e-portfolio.



A GP training programme is currently 3 years duration, normally including 18 months in an approved training practice and 18 months in approved hospital posts. There are an increasing number of four year options available providing extra valuable experience.

GP posts are undertaken in a wide variety of locations and always under the supervision of a GP trainer. The exact hospital posts offered by deaneries in their programmes will vary but you will be offered a complete programme that complies with the regulations set down by PMETB.

Other Opportunities

Some deaneries may also offer a limited number of Academic Clinical Fellowship programmes where time is spent on additional academic projects or offer programmes where some time is spent abroad or working in a particular relevant area of interest. These are subject to availability and more information will be provided on individual deanery web site.

Applying

Entry into GP specialty training involves 3 stages of application:

- On-line application. Your application will be long-listed against the essential eligibility criteria including achievement of foundation competency.
- Shortlisting using a written applied knowledge and situational judgement test to assess some of the competencies required.
- A Selection Centre process which involves a written, group and patient simulation exercise.

All the stages require the applicant to meet the person specification for GP training and the essential competencies outlined elsewhere on the recruitment web site. Example questions from the shortlisting tests and example exercises from Selection Centre are available on the recruitment web site.



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