

MKUH are proud to host many work experience students a year, with many reporting that they have gone on to study or work within healthcare.

We have created this directory to support with decision making when applying for a placement.

Please be aware that although listed, not every department can support work experience throughout the year so please list at least two or three preferences if possible.

Restrictions listed are area specific and in addition to existing entry criteria.

Due to demand for placements, we can only accept requests for placements from students who live in Milton Keynes.

This list is not exhaustive and should you have a keen interest in an area not listed below, please contact the work experience team to discuss – workexperience@mkuh.nhs.uk

Please be aware students cannot be placed in Theatres, Critical Care, Surgery, or Paediatrics or other high risk areas.

Area/Type of work	Nature of work experience	Age	Restrictions	Length of time
4 day Clinical Experience	Students will receive a 4 day programme. Day 1 includes an induction as well as tours and speakers. For day 2 and 3 , students are placed on adult wards with a named mentor. Day 4 has a debrief, further speakers and a celebration event.	16-18	Students interested in a career in healthcare.	4 day 2 programmes run per year, usually in February and July.
Clinical Skills and Sim	The Clinical Skills and Simulation team are committed to improving and optimising patient safety and quality of care through the development and implementation of innovative, high quality sustainable training programmes. In our state of the art Simulation Suites, we deliver the best teaching opportunities we can and creating a safe and positive learning environment.	15 - 18		2-5 days

	Please visit their twitter for an insight into the department https://twitter.com/SimMKUH			
Cardiac Physiologist	A Cardiac Physiologist carries out cardiac diagnostic tests, such as echocardiograms (cardiac ultrasound), ECGs (electrocardiograms), Holter monitors (24-hour ECG monitors), ambulatory blood pressure measurement and exercise stress testing. They also work in the catheter lab assisting with coronary angiograms and angioplasty procedures, and pacemaker/ ICD implantation. Students will get the opportunity to shadow the Cardiac Physiologist team and observe some of these different procedures being performed.	16-18		1-3 days
Catering	Our catering teams produce over 400,000 meals per year, both for inpatients and staff . We have a newly refurbished staff restaurant and students can experience what it is like to work in a busy production kitchen.	15-18		1-5 days
Dietetics	The dietetic department at MKUH consists of a number of dietitians who specialise in community, diabetes, home tube feeding, oncology and renal. The work experience student would have the opportunity to shadow a dietitian in an outpatient clinic or undertaking ward rounds. Interested students should look at the British Dietetic Association website to ensure they meet the entry requirements for degrees in Dietetics. www.bda.uk.com	16-18	Very limited availability	1 days
Education	Working within an office environment and assisting the team in the day-to-day running of the department. Students will be given the opportunity to shadow general administrative tasks in regards to Education, education's role within a hospital. If training is taking place across their work experience days, students will be given the opportunity to shadow an educator in the course of their teaching	15-18		1-3 days
Emergency Department	Students are placed with a medical professional for two days, shadowing clinicians in the low risk area of ED. The emergency department see a huge range of patients presenting with different illnesses as well as accidents, and is a fast paced environment.	17-18	Students must be intending to study medicine, and be studying the appropriate A Levels in order to apply for medical	2 days Set Dates during school holidays

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Geriatric Medicine	Students can participate in consultant led ward rounds and observe the day to day work of junior doctors on the wards. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss with consultants and junior doctors the pros and cons of a career in Medicine.	16-18	A level student doing subjects suitable for application to medical school.	1-2 days
Communications & Engagement Team	<p>The Trust Communications team are responsible for all internal communications and engagement with staff as well as external communications to the public, patients, the media and other healthcare providers in Milton Keynes.</p> <p>The communications team undertake a variety of responsibilities inhouse such as ; staff wellbeing initiatives, event planning, digital/graphics work, consulting and PR work.</p>	15-18	Students with an interest in Marketing or Communications	1-3 days
Day Surgery Unit	<p>Our Day Surgery Unit composes of 23 trollies and 7 recliner chairs. Patients are usually with us between two and twelve hours depending on the type of surgery they are having. We are a mixed ward that accepts adults and young people over the age of 16 who have been deemed suitable to follow the day surgery pathway.</p> <p>You will observe the admission process of day surgery patients. You will observe the post operative recovery and subsequent discharge of the patients on the same day.</p> <p>Please be aware that when on placement, you may only observe and shadow procedures and cannot take part in any medical procedures or move patients.</p>	16-18		1-3days
Human Resources	<p>Predominantly working within an office environment and assisting the teams in the day-to-day running of the department.</p> <p>Students will gain an insight into Human Resources in a health care setting.</p> <p>Students will experience undertaking clerical duties and problem solving in a fast paced environment and will be given the opportunity to carry out general administrative tasks in regards to Human Resources</p> <p>Students may also be invited to attend and observe meetings across the functions; this will be dependent on the nature of the meetings and what meetings are scheduled at the time of the placement.</p>	16-18	Must be intending to study HR/ People Professional at university	1 day

Imaging	<p>The Imaging Department provides a variety of diagnostic services to the Trust and Milton Keynes GP Community which include CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Plain Film Imaging, Interventional, Contrast Studies, Breast Imaging and Fluoroscopy. We currently offer a day visit for prospective students from 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, where they will tour the department to get an overview of what we do.</p> <p>The students will rotate through a variety of areas for plain x-ray, inc fracture clinic, MRI, CT, fluoroscopy, ultrasound. They will observe how we image patients and then we will discuss images with the student.</p>	17 -18	Must have an interest in Imaging, Medicine or general healthcare	1 day
IT	<p>Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (MKUH) has been recognised as one of the leading NHS organisations for digital innovation after receiving accreditation from NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) as part of its Global Digital Exemplar (GDE) programme.</p> <p>The accreditation, recognises MKUH as an organisation that is internationally renowned as using digital innovations to; improve patient care and experience; enhance and assist staff to do their jobs; and harness the power of data to improve healthcare services in the future.</p> <p>Students will be able to experience different fields of IT in the hospital, including cyber security, software development and technical services.</p>	15-18	Students must be interested in the IT field.	2-3 days
Outpatients	<p>An outpatient department or outpatient clinic is the part of a hospital designed for the treatment of outpatients, people with health problems who visit the hospital for diagnosis or treatment, but do not at this time require a bed or to be admitted for overnight care. The only areas not covered in this department are (Audiology, Dermatology & maxillofacial). It covers almost everything and is a very varied and can be a very fast paced area.</p> <p>Students may be involved in chaperoning (but not on your own) procedures and treatments (eg colorectal bandings, gynae examinations etc. Shadowing clinical staff completing procedures such as flow tests in urology, blood tests and injections is neuro, aspirations and samples of lumps in the breast care team.</p>	16-18	Student who have a genuine interest in a career in nursing / healthcare support worker roles.	2-3 days
Oncology & Cancer Centre	<p>Students will have the opportunity to shadow the multi-disciplinary team that works within Oncology. This includes medical, nursing and support services.</p> <p>Milton Keynes Cancer Centre brings together</p>	16-18	Students will need to consider the emotional	1-3 days

	<p>under one roof all hospital cancer services. It offers oncology, clinical haematology and cancer-related chemotherapy services, inpatient, and outpatient services alongside a wellbeing support service.</p> <p>It provides a dedicated space offering treatment and a wide range of information and support services to anyone affected by cancer, all within a comfortable and welcoming environment that is also appropriate for patients' families.</p> <p>Within the Wellbeing Lounge, which offers information and support in the Cancer Centre, there is a group activity room, a therapy studio for patient clinic appointments and an information lounge. The wellbeing team includes a physiotherapist, dietitian and psychologist who work within the lounge alongside nurses in supporting patients, assisted by volunteers who offer a listening ear.</p>		<p>aspect to a placement in this area, as you may observe the imparting of bad news.</p>	
Optometry	<p>Students will have the opportunity to experience what life as an Optometrist in the hospital is like. Students will be able to observe professionals assessing, diagnosing and treating a wide variety of eye disorders.</p>	16-18		1-2 days
Practice Education / Corporate Nursing	<p>The Practice Education Team are responsible for facilitating clinical skills training with the Trust. In addition to this, they coordinate and manage student nursing placements and support as well as nursing apprenticeships.</p>	15-18		1-3 days
Medical Shadowing	<p>A number of our consultants and their teams can offer students one or two days to observe their practices. This would include both outpatient clinic and ward rounds.</p> <p>Areas which have hosted students in the past include; Gastrology, ENT, Diabetes, General Medicine, Respiratory and Stroke.</p>	16-18	<p>Must have a keen interest in the named specialty.</p>	1-2days
Medical Examiners Office & Bereavement	<p>The Bereavement Team provide support to Doctors for the production of medical certificates of cause of death and act as the liaison between medical staff and families.</p> <p>We work closely with the coroners service and have links with the Register Office.</p> <p>In the hospital we provide education to</p>	15-18	<p>Interest in a medical examiners or bereavement role</p>	1-3 days

	nursing/medical staff i.e. after death care and giving staff the opportunity to work with us so they can provide good compassionate care to patients and relatives alike.			
Therapies	<p>Students will be able to shadow a variety of Therapies professionals across a 3 day placement. Students will observe a ward rounds and clinics.</p> <p>An example timetable would include;</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> - Women's & Men's Health & Frailty</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Orthopaedics & Stroke</p> <p><u>Thursday</u> - Respiratory Medicine , Critical Care Outpatients Group, Musculoskeletal outpatients & Pulmonary rehabilitation Group</p>	16+	Suitable for students wishing to pursue a career in Therapies (not sports rehabilitation/sports massage etc.) Current training/studies must be appropriate for perusing this career.	3 days Set programme Tuesday – Thursday on selected dates
Specialist Nursing	<p>A number of our advanced clinical practitioners can offer students one or two days observing their practices.</p> <p>Specialties included Rheumatology, Dermatology, Cardiac, Diabetes, Research & Development & Palliative Care</p>	16-18	Must have a keen interest in the named specialty.	1-2days
Ward 3	<p>Whilst we accept patients of all ages, most of our patient are frail elderly, often with complex multiple co-morbidities. We specialise in Frailty, Dementia Care and Complex Discharge Planning. Our overarching philosophy is that we should meet the patients agenda rather than expecting them to meet ours. We are passionate advocates of individualised and flexible patient care.</p> <p>You will observe essential nursing care (support with hygiene, continence, nutrition, mobility) The role of the multidisciplinary team (Doctors, therapists, related professionals) .As well as observing the team in practice you will be encouraged to interact with the patients , this can include , chatting and engaging in simple social activities.</p>	16-18		1-3 days
Ward 7	<p>Ward 7 is a 24-bed Hyper-Acute Stroke Unit. Whilst we accept patients with a range of medical conditions, we specialise in caring for patients following a stroke. We are proud of our 7 day a week thrombolysis service that has been running since October 2017, allowing patients suffering a stroke to be treating in Milton</p>	16-18		1-3 days

	<p>Keynes.</p> <p>We specialise in the acute medical management of a stroke but also place emphasis on rehabilitation, encouraging patients to set their own goals and helping them to achieve them.</p> <p>You will observe essential nursing care. The role of the multidisciplinary team (Doctors, therapists, related professionals) .As well as observing the team in practice you will be encouraged to interact with the patients , this can include , chatting and engaging in simple social activities.</p>			
Ward 8	<p>Ward 8 consists of 20 beds and 5 side rooms of Gastroenterology / hepatology & general medicine patients. We fall under the remit of Specialist medicine. We receive patients mostly from Medical Admissions Unit (MAU), A&E & other wards within MKUH. We provide holistic care 24/7.</p> <p>You will observe essential nursing care. The role of the multidisciplinary team (Doctors, therapists, related professionals) .As well as observing the team in practice you will be encouraged to interact with the patients , this can include , chatting and engaging in simple social activities.</p>	16-18		1-3 days
Ward 23	<p>Ward 23 is a fast based, acute ward with 40 beds. Ward 23 is a surgical ward looking after both men & women who need hospital based care following traumatic injuries, orthopaedic & ear nose & throat (ENT) surgery.</p> <p>Our philosophy is to provide a multidisciplinary team approach including Doctors, Nurses, Physiotherapists and Occupational therapists to support our patients to get back to or as close to their pre-injury, pre - operative fitness and ability level as soon as possible.</p> <p>You will observe essential nursing & rehabilitation care. The role of the multidisciplinary team (Doctors, therapists, related professionals) .As well as observing the team in practice you will be encouraged to interact with the patients , this can include , chatting and engaging in simple social activities.</p>	16-18		1-3 days
Ward 24	<p>We are a 20 bedded area which looks after most types of surgical patient pre and post operatively. In our role we admit patients that have had an operation or procedure, we carry out skin and nutritional assessments on admission. We empower the patient to regain independence and liaise with physiotherapy and the surgical teams. When the patient is medically fit, they are discharged sometimes with ongoing care.</p> <p>Students will be able to observe the patient journey from admission they can observe how to carry out skin inspections and have an insight</p>	16-18		1-3 days

	<p>into the assessments used on e-care. They can be shown how to look after surgical drains, stomas, dressings, catheter care. They will see how we carry out breakfast, lunch and dinner and how we order specific menus specifically for the patients we nurse. They will gain an insight on how to look after the post-surgical patient immediately after arrival to the ward.</p>			
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