MEDICAL WORK OBSERVATION PROGRAMME

Role Details

**Employer:** Hywel Dda University Health Board  
**Job Title:** Medical Work Observation Programme  
**Category:** Health Care  
**Placement Location:** xxxxx  
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**Hours of work:** Start and finishing times will vary, dependent on the timetables provided. Please see individual programmes

Work Observation Outline

This Medical Work Observation Programme has been designed for those students who have already decided on a medical career and are looking for further experience to report in their application for medical school the following Autumn. The Programme provides a meaningful overview of life as a doctor, the opportunity to talk to staff about their jobs and the day to day work they do.

An Induction Talk will be provided in advance of the Programme, attendance of which is mandatory. Failure to attend the induction will mean that the student is not able to attend the Work Observation Programme. The Induction process will involve talks on Health and Safety, Confidentiality and a general overview of what to expect in the Programme. Where possible the student will also have the opportunity to take part in a Clinical Skills practical session.

The Programmes will include exposure to outpatients, theatre, endoscopy, ward rounds, radiology and shadowing our newly qualified doctors. It is important to note that although we try our best to provide the best possible experience, there are times when service needs or matters outside our control force us to change individual programmes. In addition, the experience offered will be very much dependent on the consent of the patient and there may be occasions when the number of patients to a particular clinic or procedure, etc is limited.
NOTES

Health Clearance
Several departments are not able to take students on placement due to restrictions in health clearance i.e. lack of suitable immunisations and in particular the BCG immunisation covering against the risk of Tuberculosis. This is no longer offered routinely in schools and it may be in your interest to consider contacting your General Practitioner for this if you are considering a career within the NHS.

Dress Code
We will expect you to dress in an appropriate and acceptable way and always to be neat and tidy. Patients and the general public have an expectation about the way in which doctors and medical students present themselves and thus how they dress often demonstrates that they care and have a professional attitude. An ID badge is provided at the start of the placement and this must be worn at all times. Clothes badge should be changed daily to minimise cross infection.

A few tips:
- Be smart and tidy
- No jeans or trainers
- We ask girls to be modest – that is, no shorts, no short skirts or low-cut tops
- Shoes should be worn for comfort and safety, no high platform or stiletto heels
- Long hair should be tied back
- Jewellery should be kept to a minimum
- You may wear traditional clothes such as a hijab or turban if you wish.

Attitude
The NHS is an organisation whose primary task is to care and look after people who are ill and, therefore, it is likely that people will be worried, anxious, confused and in some cases angry. Whilst on your placement you should behave with courtesy and respect at all times in your dealings with the public and also to the NHS staff who you will encounter.

Meal Breaks
- Bring your own lunch
- On-site facilities will be available
- Purchase off-site
- Duration – to be arranged

Note of Caution
During theatre sessions, there will be times when you will be standing for long periods which could make you feel faint. If you are prone to light headedness or fainting, please bring this to our attention.

Generic Requirements
- Learner should have excellent GCSE results and excellent predicted A Level grades
- Learner should note that strict confidentiality is required on this placement
- Learner should have good communication and observational skills
- Learner should have good personal hygiene
Specific Requirements
The student is to have a keen interest in caring for others. The student should have an interest in working with people and a specific interest in the nature of work. The student must have a warm, friendly nature with good communication and listening skills. They must enjoy working as part of a team and have a calm, efficient approach and not to be squeamish. The student must be a Year 12 student (Note: 17 is the required age to gain access to Theatre) and have an avid interest in the health care/medical profession.