

Student Entry Agreement 2023 Entry

BSc/MSc Physiotherapy

B160/B161

As a physiotherapy student you will study for a University degree that, upon completion, allows you apply to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and practice as a Physiotherapist. As part of your training, you will experience a variety of learning environments which may include acute NHS hospital trusts, community-based services, mental health trusts, charities and private practices. It is therefore essential that you can fulfil the requirements based on Health and Care Professions Council Standards of conduct, performance and ethics (HCPC, September 2023). We ask you to agree the following outline of practice that derives from the HCPC requirements so that you can learn effectively and become a competent practitioner. If there is difficulty for you with any element of this document, please notify us so that a member of academic staff from the Centre for Allied Health can discuss with you how best to resolve it. A satisfactory resolution must be achieved to allow you to continue to study at St George's.

Please read the following statements and sign to confirm that you understand and accept them. We have added explanatory text to some statements and an additional copy for you to keep for your reference.

1. I will listen to patients and respect their views, treat them politely and considerately, respect patients' privacy and dignity, and respect their right to decline to take part in treatment.
2. I will participate in practising clinical skills on other students and will be willing to allow other students to examine me for the purpose of learning clinical examination skills. Early in the course, students are expected to learn clinical examination and physiotherapy skills by practising on other students and allowing others to practise on them.
3. I will not allow my views about a person's lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status, or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, teachers, or colleagues.
4. I will be honest and not abuse the trust of a patient or other vulnerable person, and I will not enter into an improper relationship with another person.
5. I will always make clear to patients that I am a student and not a qualified physiotherapist. My treatment and advice will have been agreed with a qualified physiotherapist.
6. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance, and personal hygiene so as not to cause offence to patients, teachers, or colleagues. The appearance of a student or practitioner should not be such as to potentially affect a patient's confidence in that person's clinical judgment or standing and adhere to local infection control policies.
7. To ensure adequate communication, students may not cover their faces in any clinical areas, when they are working with teachers or when they are expected to work together with other students. Students may cover their faces in lectures unless specifically asked not to do so by the teacher. Students will have to uncover their faces for identification purposes, including entry to

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examinations and the Library. The exception to this is if a mask is required in line with national and local infection control/COVID guidelines.

8. I will abide by the Department of Health guidelines on uniform to expose my arms up to the elbow and not wear long sleeves, bangles, watches, rings, or bracelets during direct patient care activity and when hand washing. If, due to cultural beliefs or practices, individuals wish to cover their arms, I will ensure appropriate measures are taken to ensure effective hand hygiene and prevent cross infection.
9. I will assess and treat patients/service users (which includes touching, physical examination and procedures) irrespective of the gender, culture, beliefs, disability, or disease of the patient/service user or carer(s). In order to qualify as a physiotherapist in the UK, it is required that the practitioner is willing to examine and treat any patient/service user as fully as is reasoned to be necessary.
10. I understand, accept and agree to be bound by the principle of confidentiality of patient records and patient data. I will therefore take all reasonable precautions to ensure that any personal data relating to patients, that I have learned by virtue of my position as a student, will be kept confidential. I will not discuss patients with other students or professionals outside the clinical setting, except anonymously. When recording data or discussing cases outside the clinical setting I will endeavour to ensure that patients cannot be identified by others. I will respect all hospital and practice patient records.
11. I will attend classes as required by the regulations of the course and timetables, and I will work diligently to complete my degree. I will be honest in submitting course work for assessment, and will never plagiarise material from other sources and submit it as my own work.
12. As an applicant I will disclose if I have been charged/convicted with a criminal offence at any time prior to or during the admissions process. I will also inform St George's of any allegations still under investigation which may be pending charges.
13. I must inform St George's if charged with or convicted of a criminal offence during my time as a student at St George's. Although students are required to have a Criminal Record check before entering the course I also need to inform St George's if I have a subsequent caution, reprimand or conviction especially if there is a possibility that this will affect my fitness to be clinical student or a Physiotherapist.
14. I will inform the University if there is any significant change to my physical & mental health that might affect my fitness to practise as a physiotherapist.
15. I will maintain appropriate standards of professional behaviour when communicating with patients, peers and colleagues; including social media and networking websites.
16. I understand that my admissions data, including details declared on UCAS, MMI scores and other relevant admissions test data be used for educational research purposes in conjunction with any future University performance data. This is on the understanding my information is anonymised and personal data will not be shared or identity disclosed.

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Please sign and complete in BLOCK CAPITALS to confirm that you have carefully read this information about the requirements of the course and that you understand our expectations.

Full Name	
UCAS ID (if applicable)	
SGUL ID	
Signature	
Date (DD/MM/YY)	

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