

UoN newsletter December 2021



Dear colleagues

From the university team we wanted to take this opportunity to wish all you a very happy Christmas and to say Thank you so much for your support throughout 2021. Hopefully there will be some rest and relaxation over the holidays, and everyone will stay safe. It has been a year with many challenges but working together has enabled us to continue with placements at the usual times. In July we saw 26 students graduate and all are working, with 11 remaining the our region.

With all our best wishes from

Amanda, Fiona, Moira, Nerissa, Jane, Sian, Sarah and Kathy.

Looking forward to 2022

C placement in January

Our final year students are finishing their autumn module coursework over the next few weeks and early in the New Year will submit their final year project before re-joining you.

The main C placement start date is 24 January and we will be keeping the same placement tutor, (unless we have informed you differently). Placement tutors will be planning in a virtual (or face to face if required) tutor visit at week 6, which can be cancelled if the student is on track to progress with no issues. There will not be a RAP meeting prior to placement- students have been asked to update you if anything has changed with their condition and support plan since the pre-B meeting.

Students at Rotherham and Doncaster are starting on slightly earlier in January, to help fit with Sheffield Hallam placement capacity and will undertake a short complimentary placement as part of the 12 weeks.

Virtual A placement in Spring

We have 34 students in our current first year and half the students from year 2 requiring virtual A placement. We have streamlined the process from it first ran last April and May and have identified dates that practice educators and students are available to undertake the 7 tasks. Thank you to practice educators from 8 organisations for running these virtual activities.

B placement in summer

We have 33 students in our current third year and all have been allocated to placement in recent weeks. Kathy will inform you of the student names in January. The placement is 12 weeks- 8 in practice, preceded by 4 weeks of virtual placement. B placement will start on 13 June, with 2 weeks focused on virtual communication skills practice and tutorials and the remaining 2 weeks will be a complimentary virtual placement with students being mainly based with a PIVO.

Hence students will start placement with you on 11 July and finish on 2 September. (A small number of providers have informed us of a slightly later start date). Students with reasonable adjustment will be allocated 1 extra week initially. We intend to keep university placement tutors mainly with the same placements as last year to help build a more meaningful working relationship with one of the team. RAP meetings will be organised in March.

Other diary dates

Facilitation of learning –2 parts- 26 January and 15 February

Mentor training- 18 May

Student Training Forum – including course changes in line with BDA 2020 Curriculum Framework- Wednesday 12 January 10-12 on Teams

Placement website with the most up to date Assessment tools and dates:

<https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/dietetic-practice-education/index.aspx>