

2nd -Year Pharmacy Experiential Learning Placements 2023 – Frequently Asked Questions for Supervisors

Planning for 2nd-year placements within the Schools of Pharmacy and APPEL has continued at pace throughout the past few months, with your health and well-being together with that of our students, your pharmacy teams, and your patients being the primary concern. Bearing this in mind, some additional requirements are being asked of every student to ensure the safe operation of these placements.

For all pharmacy experiential learning placements to proceed, students must complete a number of courses and adhere to additional requirements. We have compiled the following frequently asked questions (FAQ) to support your preparation for the upcoming experiential learning placement and explain the additional requirements students must undertake before the placement commences. If you have any questions arising from this document, please contact the APPEL office at ops@appel.ie.

Q. What are the dates of the 2nd-year experiential learning placements for 2023?

A. Students will be on their experiential learning placements on the following dates:

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| UCC: | 16 th – 27 th January 2023 | Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 5 pm, with one hour for lunch |
| Trinity: | 16 th – 27 th January 2023 | Monday to Friday, 9.30 am – 5 pm, with one hour for lunch |
| RCSI: | 10 th January – 4 th April 2023 | Tuesday afternoons 2 pm – 5 pm (with a break for reading week on 21st February) |

Q. Is there additional information that I should add to my induction and training plan due to the impact of COVID-19 on the experiential learning placement?

A. At the outset of the placement, it is important to provide your student with a planned induction, which familiarises them with the practicalities of their new learning environment (some aspects of this could be delegated to other staff members). APPEL has prepared an [APPEL 2nd Year Induction and Training Plan](#) to support you in preparing for your student's placement. Consider providing students with the below documentation, where applicable, for their review:

- SOPs
- Health and Safety documentation
- COVID-19 Protocols

- Training Manual
 - Any other placement related paperwork
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- Ways of working, e.g. how handover occurs between teams
 - Hints and tips on how the student can fit into a new team.

More details on items to include in the student induction plan can be found in the Supervisor Handbook.

Q. What additional pre-placement preparation has my student completed in consideration of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the placement?

A. Students are required to complete the following additional activities in advance of starting their experiential learning placement:

1. Students must complete the following online courses available at <https://www.hseland.ie>.
 - AMRIC Introduction to Infection Prevention and Control
 - AMRIC Basics of Infection Prevention and Control
 - AMRIC Standard and Transmission Based Precautions
 - AMRIC Hand Hygiene
 - Putting on and Taking off PPE in Acute Healthcare Settings
 - Putting on and Taking off PPE in Community Healthcare Settings
2. Students must review the following videos on the HPSC website in advance of commencing their placement.
 - Review of videos on correct donning and doffing of PPE on the HPSC website <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/videoresources/acutehealthsettingco-vid-19videoresources/>
 - Review of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance, including IPC COVID-19 Guidance and educational videos on <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/infectionpreventionandcontrolguidance/videoresourcesforipc/>
3. Additionally, students must read and understand the following documents and consult the following web pages:
 - Guidance to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 infection in pharmacies <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/pharmacyguidance/>
 - The information provided by your University on COVID-19



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- <https://www.ucc.ie/en/studenthealth/flu/>
- <https://www.rcsi.com/dublin/coronavirus>, or
- <https://www.tcd.ie/about/coronavirus/>


Q. What is the process to be followed if a student develops signs of COVID-19 during placement?

A. Students must follow the public health advice in place at the time.

Q. What support will the Supervisor receive from APPEL during the 2nd-Year placements?

A. Practice Educators and the APPEL office will be available to respond to any questions or queries that you may have regarding the placement. The APPEL website has relevant information and resources, and APPEL will email important updates and information as it arises.

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