

STUDENT FAILURE IN PRACTICE

FAILING PLACEMENT

In the unusual event of a student not performing at an acceptable level, and who is not progressing to a satisfactory standard, despite remedial actions being put into place, the following process should be followed:

- Clinical Educator highlights and discusses the problems with the student as early as possible.
- Clinical Educator raises the issue with the Visiting Tutor as soon as possible.
- An agreed plan of action (by CE, VT and student) is put into place immediately in order to rectify the situation. This must be documented.
- This should be discussed at half-way assessment and progress monitored.
- It must be clearly documented on the half-way assessment if the student is failing.
- Clinical Educator should continue to observe and monitor the student's progress and liaise with Visiting Tutor about progress as necessary.
- In the event of a Failed placement, feedback must be given to the student by the Clinical Educator. The Visiting Tutor may be present if required.
- The student must be informed at the first opportunity if there is a risk of failure.
- If the student has failed to respond to on-going feedback, it must be made clear of the consequences i.e. Failure of the placement.
- The Clinical Co-ordinators at the University must be informed if the student is failing the placement.
- Please refer to Half-way Assessment.

REFER PROCESS

In the event of a student failing a placement, they are automatically re-entered for a re-sit placement. Students do not need to submit a res-sit form.

If further details are required, please contact the Course Administrator or Programme Director for the physiotherapy BSc(Hons) course.

Where it is appropriate for a student to undertake a referred or deferred placement this will normally occur at sometime during the summer vacation period and students must NOT make any other arrangements over the summer period until they have been notified of the placement date. In case of a referred placement it will occur within the same speciality that the student was referred but on a different clinical site.

Normally a referred placement will be of 4 weeks duration and deferred placements will last 5 weeks.

TERMINATION OF PLACEMENT DUE TO UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE

In the event of a placement being terminated by either the University or the Clinical Educator due to performance, the placement will be recorded as a "fail" i.e. a mark less than 40. Depending on how much of the placement is completed, an appropriate mark may be awarded, i.e.:

Less than half the placement completed – zero mark

Two and a half-five weeks, mark < 35

If at any time, the placement is terminated due to safety issues, then the mark awarded is zero and a fail recorded. Clear reasons for safety fails must be documented and Trust and University incident forms completed. (Refer to section in handbook). The university is required to inform the students next placement that the student failed due to safety issues.

If the placement is terminated due to other reasons such as staff absence or student absence, then the student must apply for a defer. Details of how to apply for a defer are available on the University website **www CU Online (found on Registry homepage – Assessment & Examinations and Extenuating Circumstances including Examinations and Deferral Requests)**. It is the **student's responsibility** to ensure that any defer applications are made in accordance with the University process and made in a timely manner, with supporting evidence. Defers made after the end of a placement will not be considered.

Any queries regarding student absence should be directed to the Clinical Placement Team as soon as possible.

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