

A Short Guide to...Training and Development Opportunities as an Educator

Liverpool Clinical Educators: Opportunities for everyone

As a clinical educator supporting Liverpool students, you have access to a range of different support and networking opportunities. Whether you are just starting out as a clinical supervisor or are an experienced educator, our range of resources offers something for you.

Liverpool Educators Online (LEO) Website

The [Liverpool Educators Online Website](#) (link) is our one-stop shop for all information, guides and key dates. On the LEO website you will also find further information about all current training and development opportunities mentioned in this guide.

Faculty of Academic and Clinical Educators (FACE)

The Faculty of Academic and Clinical Educators (FACE) provides colleagues from across the region with opportunities to meet together, discuss new approaches to medical education and share innovative ideas for development. A regular programme of free CPD is offered across the year, covering a range of topics including evaluation, assessment and teaching techniques. These are mapped to AoME, HEA and GMC domains to allow you to develop your portfolio of experience. FACE members also receive a regular newsletter on a focused topic related to medical education.

For further details and to join for free, please see our [FACE page](#) of [LEO](#) (link).

Associate Clinical Teachers

The School of Medicine has developed an Associate Clinical Teachers (ACT) programme to support trainee doctors who are seeking to develop their educational portfolio. All trainee doctors in the Health Education North West region are eligible to apply, though we particularly seek interest from those who work in acute disciplines and are grade ST3 (or equivalent) or above.

The ACT programme consists of an initial teaching skills course, followed by five or more half day teaching opportunities with observation and feedback over the year. Each ACT has a mentor, under whose guidance they complete an undergraduate education project. An electronic portfolio is provided and a certificate is given to all ACTs who complete the programme.

All costs for training, support, developmental sessions and travel are met by the University. Time to participate (approximately 5 days across the year) should be taken as part of study leave. Prior to starting the programme, successful applicants are required to confirm approval from their Training Programme Director (TPD).

Recruitment begins in Spring for a September start each year. If you would like to express an interest in the programme, or to find out more, please email teachmed@liverpool.ac.uk.

Medical Education Fellows

Each year the School of Medicine appoints a number of Clinical Medical Education Fellows. These posts are full time and last for 12 months, giving the opportunity to undertake a major role in the organisation and delivery of the MBChB curriculum. Fellows teach, assess, provide student support and engage in curriculum development activity, as well as appropriate CPD and research opportunities.

Applications open each spring and the opportunity is shared with FACE members and local trainees. When the posts are out to advert, further details are available on the [University's recruitment pages](#) (link).

Learning Lunches

At learning lunches, School of Medicine Colleagues come together to share ideas, reflect on Medical Education conferences attended, discuss education research papers and share examples of their own work. These run from 12.30 to 13.30 a couple of times a month and are mostly hosted online. For further details and to join the mailing list please email the team themeleadadmin@liverpool.ac.uk

Clinical Assessments (OSCES) and Medical School Admissions Interviewer Training

Many clinical colleagues across the region enjoy coming back to medical school to help the next generation of student doctors progress towards graduation. If you have not been involved in assessments or interviewing, bespoke training is available before you join us. Please see the [Get Involved pages](#) (link) for further details.

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