



Year 5 Cluster Based Teaching

Quick Reference Summary

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We are offering a fantastic opportunity for GPs to be involved in teaching final year medical students in their preparation to become foundation doctors.

We are recruiting GPs to facilitate small groups of students in a "Cluster Based Teaching" placement during their GP attachment.

Come and share your passion for Primary Care!



How the placement works

In Year 5, students go in pairs to General Practices for a 9-week apprenticeship. During this attachment, groups of 4-8 students from local practices will meet centrally in their academy for one session each week. This will be facilitated by a GP tutor.

Aims of sessions

- Meet with colleagues to share experiences and learning from GP placement
- Reflect on patient cases and how this relates to current guidelines
- Develop advanced consultation skills
- Understand how General Practices can differ in terms of population demographics, available resources and how care is delivered
- Reflect on General Practice as a speciality and potential career option
- Expand on non-clinical areas to develop as a well-rounded practitioner

Structure of sessions

Each session has a suggested theme and outline. Students are asked to do pre-session work and bring relevant cases, articles and pre-prepared presentations. Students will also have the opportunity to practice advanced consultation skills with pre-prepared role-play scenarios. The role of the GP tutor will be to facilitate this and link learning and discussion throughout the sessions to professional practice as a foundation doctor. A tutor handbook will be provided to support this.

Cluster Based Teaching Key Facts

- Wednesdays from November to June
- £260 per session
- 4-8 students per group
- Must commit to minimum of one stream (9 sessions)

Suggested Summary Timetable

9:00 – 9:15	Introductions. Open forum to discuss any issues, concerns or difficult experiences
9:15 – 10:00	Mini topics e.g. urgent care or managing uncertainty—student presentations, discuss guidelines
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	Consultation skills/Case Discussions
11:15 – 11:30	Reflection and planning for following week

Dates, timing and location

See next page.

Workshop

You will need to attend a paid face-face training workshop in Bristol on **Wednesday 21st October 2026 AM**.

Payment

The payment is £260 per session. You will need to commit to all nine sessions for at least one stream but could teach for any number of streams.

Who can apply?

- Practising GPs with a passion for Primary Care
- Previous teaching experience desirable

Teaching Dates and Venues



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Stream A (03 Nov – 15 Jan)	
Week	Dates
1	04 Nov 2026
2	11 Nov 2026
3	18 Nov 2026
4	25 Nov 2026
5	02 Dec 2026
6	09 Dec 2026
7	16 Dec 2026
8	06 Jan 2027
9	13 Jan 2027

Stream B (18 Jan – 19 Mar)	
Week	Dates
1	20 Jan 2027
2	27 Jan 2027
3	03 Feb 2027
4	10 Feb 2027
5	17 Feb 2027
6	24 Feb 2027
7	03 Mar 2027
8	10 Mar 2027
9	17 Mar 2027

Stream C (05 Apr – 04 Jun)	
Week	Dates
1	07 Apr 2027
2	14 Apr 2027
3	21 Apr 2027
4	28 Apr 2027
5	05 May 2027
6	12 May 2027
7	19 May 2027
8	26 May 2027
9	02 Jun 2027

Location	Time
Royal United Hospital, Bath	TBC
Weston General Hospital	TBC
Bristol Royal Infirmary	TBC
Southmead Hospital, Bristol	TBC
Gloucester (TBC)	TBC
Swindon (TBC)	TBC
Musgrove Park Hospital (Taunton)	TBC
Yeovil District Hospital	TBC

Cluster Based Teaching Frequently Asked Questions

How many sessions can I teach?	It is essential that you can commit to teaching all nine sessions from an individual stream. You can request to teach either 1, 2 or all 3 streams.
Will material for the sessions be provided?	Yes, a handbook for GP tutors is provided. This will include a suggested outline for each session, structured topics, role play scenarios, a background of the Year 5 GP placement, tips for small group facilitation and information on how to deal with student concerns.
Will I need to prepare anything prior to the session?	You will need to be familiar with the session plan and may need to do some background reading on the session topic. We would also advise that you bring some of your own cases relevant to the topic to help support the effective running of the group.
If I already teach year 5 can I do this as well?	Yes, definitely! However, it is not essential to have taught Year 5 students before to take on this role.
Can I teach at my own practice?	Possibly. We have chosen venues that are central and easily accessible for students. If your practice meets these criteria and has a large meeting room to accommodate the students, we would consider this.
What are the session timings?	The sessions normally take place between 09:00-11:30 or 14:00-16:30, however these could be slightly flexible if needed.
Who do I contact if I want more information?	Please contact the Primary Care Teaching team at phc-teaching@bristol.ac.uk