

Placement Information	
Placement Provider	Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital – Acute Surgery
Placement Provider Trust	East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust
Placement Provider Location	Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, Haslingden Road, Blackburn, BB2 3HH
Placement Provider Website (if available)	www.elht.nhs.uk
Practice Area	Acute Surgery
Practice Educator/s	
Main Contact Number	01254 732155
Required Skills and Pre-Reading	<p>RCOT evidence based guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy with people who have had lower limb amputation <p>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust leaflet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A patient’s guide to amputation of the lower limb (emailed in pre-placement information via email from educator) <p>East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust Enhanced Recovery Programme Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available on the Trust website
Maximum Number of Students	1 at a time

<p>Specific Uniform Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff and students must travel to and from their working area in their own clothes, and change into their uniform on-site • University uniform must be worn during placement hours • Black closed toe shoes must be worn as part of the uniform policy • Long hair must be tied back, off the collar and away from the face, and secured with modest bands • Tasteful make-up complimentary to natural features can be worn. Nails must be clean and trimmed • “Bare below the elbow” policy in all clinical areas
<p>Changing/Locker Facilities</p>	<p>Lockers are available in the main therapy department, and are locked with a £1 coin or a trolley token</p>
<p>Additional Occupational Health Screening Needed?</p>	<p>No Students are required to complete a COVID risk assessment on arrival at placement</p>
<p>Accommodation Information</p>	<p>Accommodation officer ELHT Bernadette Blackburn 01254 732591</p>
<p>Normal Working Hours / Lunch</p>	<p>Usual working hours between 0830 – 1630. 30 minutes lunch break and 15 minute break usually taken in the morning. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch to placement and refrigerators are available in the staff room. Food can be purchased on-site at The Grane restaurant, WH Smith, Costa or at vending machines</p>
<p>Parking</p>	<p>Parking is available on a pay-and-display basis or via short term permit. Permits can be arranged on commencement of placement, arranged by the Learning and Development Centre and a completed application form must be handed in to the parking desk at Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital</p>

Public Transport	<p>By bus: There is a bus stop at the main entrance of Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital. Further information about local bus services: https://elht.nhs.uk/your-visit/royal-blackburn-teaching-hospital</p> <p>By shuttle bus: There is a shuttle bus (free for staff and students) between Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital and Burnley General Teaching Hospital. Further information available at: https://elht.nhs.uk/services/shuttle-bus</p> <p>By train: Blackburn train station is 1.0 mile from Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital. There are bus connections at transport interchange.</p>
Local Shops	<p>On-site: At the main entrance of Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, there is a small M&S food outlet, WH Smith and Costa coffee. The Grane restaurant is located on level 2 at Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, and there are vending machines for snacks.</p> <p>Off-site: There are many popular retail stores and restaurants / food outlets within 1 mile of Royal Blackburn Hospital as well as supermarkets, petrol stations. Blackburn town centre is also within 2 miles of the hospital.</p>
Nearest Cashpoint	There is a cash machine located within the M&S food outlet near the main entrance of Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital.

On Arrival

Place to Report on 1 st Day	On the first day, students should report to Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, Level One, Occupational Therapy department reception. The receptionist will notify your educator of arrival and you will be greeted there.
Time to Report on 1 st Day	9.30am

PEF Contact	pefahphcs@elht.nhs.uk

Sickness

Person to Report Sickness to	In the event of sickness, students can report to any member of the team by calling the office on 01254 732155.
By Time	8.30am
Will Practice Educators inform University of absence if tutor visit is scheduled?	No, this is the responsibility of the student.
HEI Academic Contact	

Facilities and Resources

Staff Room Facilities	Staff room available with fridges, microwaves, boiling water geyser
Canteen Facilities	The Grane restaurant, WH Smith, M&S food outlet and Costa coffee on site
Additional Student Support on Placement	A staff member on-site is our “student buddy”. There are also student support groups on-site within the therapy department and multi-disciplinary meetings with other departments.

<p>Learning Facilities on Placement</p>	<p>Computers available within the office and within the work area. Students on placements for over 4 weeks can apply for computer log-in (student to contact placement educator with national insurance number prior to placement start date, and placement educator will apply for log-in details from IT department)</p> <p>There is a Library in the Learning and Resource centre at Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, available for students to use:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Learning Centre Library (Royal Blackburn Hospital) 01245 734 312 Opening Hours Mon – Thur 08.30 – 16.30 Friday 08.30 – 16.00</p> <p>library.blackburn@elht.nhs.uk</p>
<p>Details of Time for Student Access to Learning Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-service training • Shadowing acute and non-acute OT services • Access to computers (hot desking) in the work area • Access to library

Learning Opportunities on Placement

Learning opportunities can be discussed locally with placement educator once placement has started. Some of the opportunities available (but not limited to):

- Working with physiotherapists and integrated therapy assistants in an integrated team
- Shadowing other therapy teams within the department (e.g. acute medicals, acute orthopaedics, acute stroke, intensive care unit)
- Surgery specific shadowing opportunities (e.g. dietetics, stoma nurse team, nursing staff, diabetic foot team)
- “Spoke” shadowing placement opportunities with other members of staff (e.g. Home First team, inpatient rehabilitation)

The acute surgery team works across 6 inpatient wards, covering 4 specialist areas:

- Vascular
- General surgery
- Head and Neck
- Urology

Students have the opportunity to observe, participate in and complete the OT process with patients who have recently undergone major or minor surgery, on an elective or emergency pathway. Students will also have the opportunity to work with patients in a fast paced environment as well as working with long-term ICU step down rehabilitation. Students may also have opportunities to work with the specialist Occupational Therapist on critical care.

During the student placement there may also be opportunities to observe surgery in theatre, and to follow the patient’s journey from admission to discharge from the acute setting.

<p>Strengths of placement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with a small, friendly therapy team alongside physiotherapists and Integrated Therapy assistants • Experience of utilising the whole Occupational Therapy process in the acute setting • Opportunities to work with specialist vascular Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist • Opportunity to shadow intensive care Occupational Therapist • Opportunities to work with patients who have stepped down from critical care following complex surgical interventions • Opportunity to gain knowledge and experience of issuing, ordering and adjusting wheelchairs, specifically for amputees • Opportunities to develop specialist skills in working with acute surgical patients, facilitating functional assessments within acute rehabilitation goals • Regular, structured supervision support and informal supervision opportunities
<p>Limitations of placement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amputations are carried out on a case-by-case basis – there may not be any amputees at the time of a student’s placement, however other opportunities are available to facilitate learning and experience • Newly established acute team – opportunities to increase knowledge and awareness of service improvement and implement new pathways
<p>Learning Outcomes Expected from Placement</p>	<p>Outcomes based on the university objectives will be agreed between the student and educator within the first week of placement.</p> <p>Some examples of outcomes may include (but not limited to):</p> <p>Understanding and working knowledge / experience of the OT role within the acute amputee pathway.</p>

Contact Details

Name of Practice Educator	Contact Number & Email	Practice Area