

Placement Information	
Placement Provider	Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital – Rheumatology
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	Rheumatology
Practice Educator/s	
Main Contact Number	01254 732149
Required Skills and Pre-Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the difference between inflammatory arthritis (such as Rheumatoid Arthritis) and degenerative arthritis (such as Osteoarthritis) • Versus Arthritis UK & National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS) useful information about various rheumatology conditions, services and treatments) - www.versusarthritis.org & www.nras.org.uk • Basic hand anatomy e.g. joints and their structure • Rheumatology: Evidence-Based Practice for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists (2010) by Alison Hammond
Maximum Number of Students	1 at a time.
Specific Uniform Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Uniform must be worn • Closed toe shoes must be worn in clinical areas at all times • Shoe colour to match uniform black or navy blue • Long hair is tied back and away from the face and secured with modest bands • Tasteful make-up that is complimentary to natural features • Clean and trimmed nails • We maintain a bare 'below the elbow' policy in all clinical areas.

Changing/Locker Facilities	Lockers are available in the main therapy department and are locked using a £1 coin.
Additional Occupational Health Screening Needed?	No
Accommodation Information	ELHT is able to offer some student accommodation but this is on a very limited basis due to limited accommodation on site. If accommodation is required please contact: accommodation.bookings@elht.nhs.uk or accommodation officer ELHT Bernadette Blackburn 01254 732591 to enquire about availability
Normal Working Hours / Lunch	8.00am – 4.00pm (Mon-Fri) Half hour lunch between these hours
Parking	Parking is available on a 'pay and display' basis or via short term permit. Permits can be arranged and paid for at the Learning and Development Centre at Royal Blackburn Hospital.
Public Transport	The Hospital has a bus stop at the main entrance. There is also a free shuttle bus service between the Blackburn and Burnley sites https://elht.nhs.uk/services/shuttle-bus .
Local Shops	There is a small M&S food outlet ,a WHSmiths and a Costa coffee in the Royal Blackburn Hospital Entrance. There is also a canteen located on the 2nd floor at Royal Blackburn hospital.
Nearest Cashpoint	There is a cash machine located within the M&S food outlet in the Royal Blackburn Hospital Entrance.

On Arrival

Place to Report on 1 st Day	Occupational Therapy Department Reception on level 1. Ask for your educator.
Time to Report on 1 st Day	8.00am
PEF Contact	Andrew Keavey Trust PEF 01254 733371

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Sickness

Person to Report Sickness to	Any member of the team by calling 01254 732149
By Time	8.00am
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 fridge and microwave and kettle.
Canteen Facilities	Hospital canteen, WHSmith, M&S outlet and Costa coffee shop within hospital.
Additional Student Support on Placement	Student specific.
Learning Facilities on Placement	Access to library. Several computers in each work area
Details of Time for Student Access to Learning Resources	<p>In-Service Training Internet, library etc Access to library Several computers in each work area</p> <p>NHS Library Details Learning Centre Library (Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital) 01245 734 312 Opening Hours Mon – Thur 08.30 – 16.30 Friday 08.30 – 16.00 Email library.blackburn@elht.nhs.uk Intranet site – (Can only be accessed within the Trust)</p>

Learning Opportunities on Placement	<p>Involvement with MDT and several 'spoke' opportunities are available. You can discuss this locally with educator.</p> <p>An opportunity to work within an OT team entirely dedicated to Rheumatology out-patients. Experience of a wide range of connective tissue diseases.</p> <p>An insight into the OT management of complex cases requiring the ability to problem solve.</p>
Strengths of the Placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working within a large MDT and opportunities to spend time in consultant clinics • Education opportunities within the MDT with journal meetings and education sessions • Opportunity to carry out splinting (static and soft splints) • A chance to experience splinting combined with in-depth ADL's and self-management advice • Possibility of attending patient education sessions
Limitations of Placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpredictable workload due to cancellation and failing to attend appointments. • Students will be required to be proactive at utilising self-management skills. • Unable to guarantee own caseload. • Difficulties to observe continuity of care of individual patients due to length of time between appointments. • Less opportunities to carry out / observe the complete OT process with individuals due to nature of appointments.
Learning Outcomes Expected from Placement	<p>Outcomes based on the University objectives will be agreed with between the student and educator on arrival. These will be reviewed throughout the placement.</p>

Contact Details

Name of Practice Educator	Contact Number & Email	Practice Area
