

# Recording Physiotherapy Student Hours in Practice

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All student practice hours are calculated, taking account of professional statutory regulatory body requirements for registration. For Physiotherapy this is currently 1,000 hours which are undertaken in practice placement settings. Students are also normally regarded as supernumerary. The primary role of the student on placement is that of a learner.

Supernumerary status of students means that students are additional to the workforce requirement and staffing figures. They will make an evolving contribution to the work of the placement area to enable them to learn how to effectively manage care for clients/patients and meet the professional competence requirements of their programme.

Student hours in practice should be recorded on the relevant timesheet. The student's recorded time is from the start of the shift/practice session until the end of the shift/practice session/ or the time they leave (as approved by the practice assessor/clinical educator).

This includes all practice related activities undertaken during the practice session. Lunch breaks are excluded (unless this involves a team meeting or in service training that is run during the lunch period).

The hours in a half day taken at any time during a practice week are not included in the total practice hours for that week.

If a student is asked to prepare a presentation then a maximum of three hours can be credited to the student for any preparation completed outside of the practice session.

Minutes are to be rounded up/down to the nearest 30 minutes.

Some students may also be required to document their hours/shifts/practice sessions in records held by the placement provider.

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