

Physician Associate Examination Board

Vacancies: Member of the Physician Associate National Examination Board

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and the Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA) is seeking to appoint a practising Physician Associate to the Physician Associate National Examination Board.

The Physician Associate national certification examination (PANE) and recertification examination (PANRE) are developed and delivered by the RCP Assessment Unit on behalf of the RCP, of which the FPA is part. The PANE currently takes place in three assessment periods annually and consists of a 200 single best answer knowledge-based assessment (KBA) and a 14 station OSCE. The PANRE currently takes place in three assessment periods annually and consists of a 200 single best answer knowledge-based assessment only.

The objectives of the board

- to review and consider the analysis of the PANE and PANRE on behalf of the RCP and FPA
- to decide and agree the result of the PANE and PANRE on behalf of the RCP and FPA
- to ensure the PANE and PANRE are valid, reliable, and aligned to best clinical practice.

Responsibilities

- exam board members must be available to attend to the duties of the exam board that relate to both the PANE and PANRE
- review the performance of questions within the PANE and PANRE KBA
- review the pass mark for both the KBA and OSCE
- review the KBA and OSCE results to confirm validity, reliability, and quality of questions
- make recommendations to the PANE Development Group regarding future enhancements to the assessments (format or process)

Benefits

We offer the opportunity to network with colleagues, keep your knowledge up-to-date, take part in challenging discussions, be involved with the next generation of Physician Associates, shape the future of the profession, promote multidisciplinary working and continuing professional development.

By getting involved you can shape the future of the Physician Associate written and clinical examinations.

This is a non-salaried position, though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by the Education Department in line with the RCP expenses policy.

The tenure of the appointment is three years. Subject to the agreement of the RCP Education Board, individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of two years to ensure orderly succession planning.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- be in active practise as a Physician Associate
- have at least 3 years post-qualification experience
- be registered and in good standing on the PAMVR
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process

An interested in and experience of medical academic assessment would also be desirable but is not essential.

The successful applicant will be expected to attend the next PANE Examination Board meeting, which will be held via Microsoft Teams from 10:00 until 13:00 on 27 October 2022,

How to apply

Applications for the post, including a CV and one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post should be submitted to Steven Ansty (assessment.unit@rcp.ac.uk) by 09:00 on 25 July 2022.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Steven Ansty, Deputy Head of Assessment on the above email address, or via 0151 318 1888.

The RCP positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.