



Physician Associate National Examination

Vacancies: Members of the Physician Associate National Examination Scenario Review Group

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is seeking to appoint a number of practising physician associates to the Physician Associate National Examination (PANE) Scenario Review Group (SRG). The PANE is developed and delivered by the Assessment Unit on behalf of the RCP, of which the Faculty of Physician Associates is part.

The PANE objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) take place in three assessment periods annually and consist of 14 clinical scenarios and two rest stations. They are held in the RCP's dedicated assessment centre at the Spine, Liverpool.

The objectives of the group

The SRG has the responsibility to ensure that PANE OSCE scenarios continue to test clinical skills that fall within the current [OSCE blueprint](#), which is derived from the [Competence and Curriculum Framework for the Physician Assistant](#).

Responsibilities

- > Ensuring each OSCE during an assessment period includes a reasonable balance of clinical presentations.
- > Ensuring each OSCE during an assessment period includes a good mixture of primary and secondary care settings.
- > Reviewing scenarios within each OSCE for clinical relevance
- > Ensuring scenarios test knowledge in line with current guidelines across all four nations of the United Kingdom
- > Reviewing scenarios deployed in the previous assessment period, utilising examiner feedback and statistical analysis of checklist marksheet performance to revise stations, ensuring they remain fit for purpose.
- > Identifying scenarios that do not meet the required standards and, where appropriate, referring these for further review by the PANE scenario writing group (SWG)¹.
- > Advising the SWG on future areas for generation of content.

¹ The SWG meets separately to the SRG and is responsible for generating and reviewing content.

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. Full training will be provided before a successful applicant's first full meeting.

By getting involved you can shape the future of the PANE OSCE.

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, with the potential for extension as appropriate, particularly in cases of long-term absence (illness or maternity leave, for example), or to ensure orderly succession planning. Any extensions will be at the discretion of the RCP Assessment Unit.

All successful applicants will be required to sign the relevant code of conduct prior to commencing their role.

The group will meet via six half-day meetings a year (one blueprint review meeting and one scenario performance review per assessment period). Meetings are held virtually via Microsoft Teams but may periodically be held face-to-face in Liverpool where appropriate.

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, or equivalent
- > be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process
- > interested in, but not necessarily expert in, medical academic assessments.

How to apply

Applications to join the SRG, including a CV and one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post should be submitted for the attention of Steven Ansty via Assessment.Unit@rcp.ac.uk. As we are looking for several new members to join the SRG, recruitment will stay open until such time as all posts have been recruited to.

The RCP Assessment Unit reserve the right to withdraw the advertised vacancy without prior notice once the required number of new members have been recruited. Those interested in applying are therefore advised to do so as soon as possible.

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.