

Pathway to becoming a GP educator in primary care

FAQs

- 1. I want to provide clinical or workplace supervision for foundation trainees, and/or trainees working in out of hours and/or learners across the professions in primary care. Which course am I required to do?**

There is not one mandatory course that needs to be completed. Instead supervisors should have completed an introduction to workplace learning and assessment course. There are several options available. Details can be found in the 'Pathway to becoming a GP educator in primary care' guidance.

- 2. I want to become a clinical supervisor in support of GP training but do not want to be a full GP trainer (educational supervisor)**

Please refer to the answer for question 1 above.

- 3. I have previously completed a clinical supervisors' course by another provider, will this be accepted for approval as a clinical supervisor?**

Please email the Multiprofessional Faculty Development Team at facultydevelopment.lase@hee.nhs.uk with full details, including the course content completed.

If you would like to get your chosen course approved prospectively, again please email the above team. Details on what we would expect the course to cover can be found in the 'Pathway to becoming a GP educator in primary care' guidance (bottom of page 2).

- 4. I have previously completed the FY2 Workshop and the Introduction to Teaching in Out of Hours' courses provided by the Deanery. Will these be accepted?**

Yes. You do not need to undertake further training to become a clinical supervisor for these learners. If you would like to supervise GP specialty trainees, then please go to question 7.

- 5. What are the steps to become an approved clinical supervisor?**

Once you have successfully completed an introduction to workplace learning and assessment course and met all the course requirements, the next step is to seek approval from your patch Associate Director (AD). You can do this via the HEE Quality Team. Details of the approvals process can be found [here](#) or you can contact the team directly at: GPQuality.lase@hee.nhs.uk

6. I want to become a supervisor for medical students on placement, however I have noticed that the guidance on becoming a GP educator doesn't mention medical students. Is there a course available?

Please contact your relevant medical school to find out about the approval process and courses available to supervise medical students.

7. I want to become a GP Trainer. How do I go about this?

A full GP trainer is both clinical AND educational supervisor. In the first instance you will need to undertake a clinical supervisor course on workplace learning and assessment. Details of the options available can be found in the 'Pathway to becoming a GP educator in primary care' guidance.

The next step would be to complete the two-day *mandatory* educational supervisors' course, provided by HEE. Details of the course can be found [here](#).

Once you have completed the course, you should then seek approval from your patch AD. This will involve a workplace visit (if your workplace is not already approved as a training environment) or an interview. Details of the approvals process can be found [here](#) or contact the HEE Quality Team at: GPQuality.lase@hee.nhs.uk

8. Do I need to join a GP Trainer Workshop?

This is mandatory for all GP Trainers. We expect that you would have joined your local group *prior* to starting the educational supervisor course

9. I have previously completed the PG Certificate for Teachers in Primary Care (TTT) provided by the Deanery. Do I need to undertake any additional supervisor training to be approved for a GP educator role?

If you completed the TTT course *less* than five years ago then you **won't** need to complete additional training. You can now seek the relevant approval via your patch AD, as detailed above.

However, if *more* than five years has elapsed since you completed the course, then you will need to be able to demonstrate what professional development you have undertaken since completing the course, to maintain your supervisory skills. Please contact your patch AD for further guidance.

10. I have undertaken a PG certificate in medical education at a University. Do I need to undertake any additional supervisor training to be approved for a GP educator role?

The patch AD will usually consider this equivalent to the introductory course in workplace learning and assessment. Indeed, it is likely to cover educational theory in much more detail. As such you would be eligible to apply to be a clinical supervisor. To be a GP trainer however, we would still require you to attend the HEE educational supervisors course to cover the practicalities of being a trainer. See question 7 above for the course details.

11. I am an approved GP Trainer and I would like to develop my skills in the ePortfolio and ARCP. Are there any courses I can access?

Yes. The GP School at HEE provides courses for new and experienced educational supervisors, focussing on the ePortfolio and ARCP. Details of these can be obtained from the GP School offices.

12. I am providing inter-professional supervision in my practice. Are there any courses that would be relevant for me to undertake?

We acknowledge that as the primary workforce expands, GPs are increasingly supervising learners from across the professions in the workplace setting. We are developing a multi-professional course for GPs and clinicians from across the professions who are involved in clinical supervision in primary care. If you would therefore like to undertake a clinical supervisors course alongside other professions from primary care, then details of the course can be found [here](#).

We also have a range of Established Educator courses which cover inter-professional learning and working. Details of these courses can be found [here](#).

13. A member of our multi-disciplinary team wishes to undertake a supervisors course. What is available?

We have several multi-professional courses available as follows:

1. Workplace Supervision in Primary Care
2. Established Educators Course: Group Skills
3. Established Educators Course: Inter-professional Education

Details of these courses can be found [here](#)