

Teaching in 2021-22 Programme Template

Plans for programme: BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Level: 5

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PLAN A – how we’re intending to organise your teaching if there are no restrictions/social distancing:

Module number	Module Name	Compulsory/ optional module?	Lectures	Practicals	Seminars/ small group teaching	Other
1967	Cardiovascular & Respiratory Studies	Compulsory	3 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)	7 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)		Face to face
1966	Neurological Studies	Compulsory	3 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)	7 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)		Face to face
1968	Musculoskeletal Studies 2	Compulsory		5 hours per week (S2 6 weeks)	1 hour per week (S1)	Face to face
1970	Physiotherapy Placement 3	Compulsory				Face to face – clinical setting, 6 week block, 30 hours per week
1971	Physiotherapy Placement 4	Compulsory				Face to face – clinical setting, 6 week block, 30 hours per week
1969	Research for Physiotherapists	Compulsory	3 hours per week, 12 week block			Face-to-face
	Graduate Advantage Tutorials	Compulsory			1 hour per week online 1 hour per week online	Online

Please note that hours per week are an average across term time tuition, and may vary across the weeks.

PLAN B – how we'll organise your teaching if there are still restrictions on group size and social distancing:

Module number	Module Name	Compulsory/ optional module?	Lectures	Practicals	Seminars/ small group teaching	Other
1967	Cardiovascular & Respiratory Studies	Compulsory	3 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)	7 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)		Face to face
1966	Neurological Studies	Compulsory	3 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)	7 hours per week (S1 5 weeks)		Face to face
1968	Musculoskeletal Studies 2	Compulsory		5 hours per week (S2 6 weeks)	1 hour per week (S1)	Face to face
1970	Physiotherapy Placement 3	Compulsory				Face to face – clinical setting, 6 week block, 30 hours per week
1971	Physiotherapy Placement 4	Compulsory				Face to face – clinical setting, 6 week block, 30 hours per week
1969	Research for Physiotherapists	Compulsory	3 hours per week, 12 week block			Online
	Graduate Advantage Tutorials	Compulsory			1 hour per week online 1 hour per week online	Online

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Will there be any changes to the content of the course if restrictions continue?

The content of the course will remain the same as we must adhere to the HCPC and CSP standards and guidelines relating to training and education. Adjustments may need to be made to the delivery, see above.

What might change if we have to temporarily stop face to face teaching due to local or national restrictions?

If there are more severe restrictions on movement or gatherings as a result of changed government guidance (e.g. in the event of another wave of Coronavirus), teaching that is planned to be on campus may have to be moved online. In that instance all of the face-to-face teaching for your course would be online until restrictions are lifted.

Physiotherapy courses were allowed to continue with face-to-face teaching during the last lockdown, along with other courses training health professionals. So it is likely that even in the event of another lockdown, the course will continue to have some degree of face-to-face teaching. However, if required, non-practical elements of the course can be easily transferred to online delivery, should it be required due to national restrictions.

Are there any changes to previously advertised field trips, placements, enrichment activities or other external activities?

The covid pandemic has greatly affected health service provision and consequently, practice placement capacity. There is a shortage of placements across the region, (and nationally) and practice placement providers have had to prioritise placements for students that are nearing completion of their studies. It is anticipated that practice placements will be unaffected, however, it may be the case that the placement dates may be altered in line with the availability of placements. It is possible that placements may be postponed if national and local restrictions come into place that affect healthcare placements.

When might what is set out above change?

We intend to use the teaching methods set out above in Plan A for the whole of Semester 1 and Semester 2 of the 2021-22 academic year.

However, if restrictions on movement or group size continue, we would need to continue to offer your course in a blended way, along the lines described in Plan B. If we are obliged to pause on-campus teaching for some or all courses because of local or national restrictions then we will switch to teaching online, delaying practical sessions until we can teach in person if necessary.

We will let you know as soon as possible if we think that is likely to happen, but decisions may need to be taken at short notice where we are obliged to act on changes to national or local advice.

What if you can't reach us by the start of semester 1?

At the moment our plans are based on students being able to reach us by the start of term. We know there's a lot of uncertainty for students who are overseas about how easy it might be to get to the UK in September.

We should be able to offer some flexibility for the first few weeks of term if you might be late, but please let us know as soon as you can if you think that's likely, so we can make sure we know when to expect you. If you will be later than that, we will need to consider the options for each student on a case-by-case basis. International students should contact international@ucb.ac.uk to discuss. However, please refer to our website for regular updates.

We will update our plans if it looks likely that lots of students won't be able to make it, and will let you know if that's the case.

If you're coming from overseas and need to quarantine when you arrive, contact the Accommodation team on accommodation@ucb.ac.uk, and they will be able to explain the support we can offer.

What if I miss teaching because I'm ill or self-isolating?

The way we support you will depend on the specific circumstances, and on the length of your absence, but we will do what we can to offer the following:

- Most lectures, and some practical and seminar teaching, will be recorded, and you will be able to access it through Canvas.
- The module leader and lecturing team will respond to individual students in terms of catching up – this may be done via email correspondence or through online meetings.
- Students will be supported to apply for extenuating circumstances where relevant. In circumstances where a significant amount of material has been missed, we will discuss your options, which may include progressing with fewer credits than usual, or deferral. Exactly what options will be available to you will depend on your particular academic circumstances.
- You are encouraged to keep in regular contact with your programme manager regarding your circumstances so that support can be provided. Your programme manager is Sally Hartley, s.hartley@ucb.ac.uk.