

Teaching in Semester 2 (February – May 2021)

Programme – BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy

Level of Study – Level 4

Teaching pattern in 2020-21 academic year, semester 2:

Module number	Module Name	Module Credits	Compulsory/Optional Module	Lectures	Practicals	Seminars and small group teaching	Other teaching e.g. tutorials
1960	Musculoskeletal Studies 1	20	Compulsory		Thur or Fri (group dependent) 6 hours per week (9:30-4) Practical sessions in the RH clinics, to adhere to safe distancing guidelines. Students are to wear masks and additional aprons, gloves and visors when distancing cannot be maintained for practical skills.	1 hour seminar per week online	e-learning self-directed study
1964	Physiotherapy Placement 1	20	Compulsory		Practical placement preparation sessions in the Moss House skills suite/exhibition space every Tuesday (3 hours)		Students will go out on placement after Easter

					for 6 weeks). Students to adhere to safe distancing guidelines. Students are to wear masks and additional aprons, gloves and visors when distancing cannot be maintained for practical skills.	
1965	Physiotherapy Placement 2	20	Compulsory			<p>e-learning self-directed placement preparation study 3 hours per week (Wednesdays) for 6 weeks</p> <p>Students will go out on placement after Easter</p>

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

There will also be a one hour group tutorial and Graduate Advantage session per week.

There isn't an option to request online teaching for the full semester for physiotherapy, as the practical sessions require face to face attendance in university.

Are there any changes to the content of the course, compared with what was agreed previously?

No, but the sequencing is different as we moved more theory-based modules to Semester 1 and more practical-focused modules to this Semester. The placements are now planned to take place in two 6-week blocks.

Are there any changes to the assessment methods we are using?

No

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

Placements – meetings are occurring weekly between hospital Trusts and organisations and the universities to determine the availability of placements for the two placements in this semester. Our practice learning partners are keen to place student physiotherapists, and risk assessments of areas and self-assessments students are being conducted to ensure we can allocate students on placements as safely as possible.

When might what is set out above change?

We intend to use the teaching methods set out above during Semester 2 of the 2020-21 academic year.

At the moment we intend that teaching in the 2021-22 academic year will be a combination of on campus and face-to-face and online teaching for all students on this course, continuing to make use of our extensive online resources to supplement on-campus teaching.

However, if restrictions on movement or group size continue, we would need to continue to offer your course in a blended way, in a similar pattern to that described above. 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.

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 your lectures, seminars and small group teaching would be online and we would postpone your practical sessions until campus teaching became possible again.

Placements across Birmingham and Solihull may still occur (April-July), and risk assessments are being conducted to ensure that students are placed in a clinical learning environment that is appropriate to meet standards of proficiency and skills. Students will be provided an update on the placement situation frequently throughout the semester.