

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE & DENTISTRY

Division of Medical and Dental Education
Undergraduate Teaching Fellows
General Practice and Community Medical Education
Job Description

Teaching Fellows are honorary Clinical Senior Lecturers who come into the Aberdeen and Inverness sections of General Practice and Community Medical Education to deliver face to face teaching on clinical topics and clinical communication at the start and end of General Practice attachments for students in fourth and fifth years.

Teaching is delivered in Aberdeen or Inverness at regular intervals over the course of the academic year. There are nine five-week blocks of General Practice/Public Health/Occupational Medicine in Phase III (fourth year) and there are four eight-week blocks of General Practice in Phase IV (fifth year).

Teaching Fellows normally work in a General Practice or Community Care setting and have experience in the delivery of undergraduate medical education. However, experience in general practice and enthusiasm for teaching are the only two essential criteria.

Specific teaching tasks presently include:

- Start of block Phase III: Introduction and Aims of the Course; Clinical Content of Primary Care; Clinical Problem Solving; Prescribing in General Practice.
- End of block Phase III: Case Study presentation; Handling Difficult Situations; Discussion Topics.
- Start of block Phase IV: joint Clinical Vignette teaching with Mental Health.

This teaching is reviewed on an annual basis and Teaching Fellows are encouraged to become involved with the review and development of the course content.

More recently, and as part of the new Mb ChB curriculum, Teaching Fellows have become involved in teaching on the Personal and Professional Development theme (from first year through to final year) and the final year Professional Practice Block.

Teaching Fellows can also be examiners for the Phase III and Phase IV degree examinations.

Teaching Fellows are expected to attend an annual Teaching Fellows meeting, two of which are held annually, one in Inverness and one in Aberdeen, usually in June.

Teaching Fellows are encouraged to attend the Annual Teaching Review Day held in Aberdeen in June, usually directly preceding the Teaching Fellows meeting.

Teaching Fellows are encouraged to attend the Tutor Development Day in Aberdeen in May or in Inverness in November.

Teaching Fellows are expected to develop their teaching knowledge and skills and will be supported by the section of General Practice and Community Medical Education to attend relevant courses where this is agreed by the Head of Teaching.

Teaching Fellows are expected to participate in yearly appraisal.

Teaching Fellows are employed by the University on a sessional contract as a Clinical Senior Lecturer. This is remunerated at the rate equivalent to the top of the scale for staff holding honorary Consultant contracts, and paid per hour. This rate includes preparation time and holiday pay.

Teaching Fellows can elect to work as many sessions as they wish. This is usually established at the beginning of the academic year, when teaching rotas are prepared.