



Physician Associate National Examination

Vacancy: Deputy Clinical Examination Lead

The Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is seeking to appoint a Deputy Clinical Examination Lead for the Physician Associate National Examination (PANE).

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 PA certification clinical examination currently takes place in three assessment periods annually and consists of a 16-station objective structured clinical examination (OSCE).

The objectives of the role

The PANE Deputy Clinical Examination Lead will support the PANE Clinical Examination Lead and RCP Assessment Unit in the development and delivery of the PANE OSCEs, ensuring content is relevant to the current [OSCE blueprint](#).

Responsibilities

The role will support the PANE Clinical Examination Lead in the following areas:

- > Ensuring that PANE OSCEs are conducted appropriately and in accordance with the PANE regulations.
- > Ensuring that PANE OSCEs are blueprinted on time and include a good balance of primary/secondary care settings, skill areas and specialties, in line with the OSCE blueprint.
- > Leading the scenario writing group (SWG) in ensuring current OSCE scenarios are regularly reviewed for clinical relevance and remain fit for use in future OSCEs
- > Leading the SWG in generating new OSCE scenarios, in line with the OSCE blueprint
- > Supporting the PANE senior examiner and RCP Assessment Unit clinical lead for assessment in the development of the PANE OSCE
- > Supporting, where appropriate, the PANE Development Group and other working groups dedicated to the development of the PANE
- > Supporting the implementation of developments to the PANE, as directed by the Clinical Examination Lead
- > Act as OSCE Lead Examiner during each clinical assessment period
- > Be a member of misconduct and appeal hearing panels as requested

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 support, guidance and necessary training will be provided by the RCP Assessment Unit to the successful candidate. By getting involved you can shape the future of the Physician Associate clinical examinations.

This is a non-salaried position, though all reasonable out of pocket 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. Subject to the agreement of the RCP Assessment Unit, individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of two years to ensure orderly succession planning and to take into account any long-term absences (for example maternity leave or illness).

All successful applicants will be required to sign non-disclosure and code of conduct agreements.

Time Commitment

The SWG currently meet once a month, on average, and the successful candidate will work with the Clinical Examination Lead and RCP Assessment Unit to ensure all meetings are chaired accordingly. Meetings are currently held virtually.

OSCEs are held during January/February, May, and September/October and take place at the Spine, Liverpool. Lead examiner duties are shared equally between the senior examiner, examination leads, and their deputies. Each will be allocated approximately five days as lead examiner per year.

The exam board meet virtually, three times per annum.

The anticipated annual time commitment is therefore in the region of 11 days.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- > be in active practice as a Physician Associate (or, where the applicant is not a physician associate, four years demonstrable experience of working with, training, teaching, or supervising the physician associate role)
- > have at least 4 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
- > have experience of examining at the PANE OSCEs
- > interested in, but not necessarily expert in, medical academic assessments.

How to apply

Applications for the post, 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 by 09:00 UK time on 1 May 2024.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Steven Ansty (Head of Development & Standards) 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.