

Information for pharmacy undergraduates

Summer vacation placements 2020

Question:	Answer:
Name of Trust/Cluster	East London NHS Foundation Trust
How many vacation placements do you have for 2020?	6 students between June & July 2021
Is the vacation experience paid or unpaid?	<i>Unpaid</i>
Do you prioritise specific types of students? (eg 3 rd years) If yes, please provide details	3 rd year students
When do applications open?	14 TH Dec 2020
When do application close?	11 th Jan 2021
How should I apply for a vacation placement?	Via the application form which can also be found on the East London Foundation Trust website
When is the interview date?	17 th Feb 2021
When will I be notified if I have been successful?	3 rd March 2021
Who should I contact for more information or send the application to?	Shoheb Khan shoheb.khan1@nhs.net
Further information on the Trust:	
<p>ELFT (East London NHS Foundation Trust) is making a positive difference to thousands of people's lives, providing support so that they can fulfil their potential and enjoy healthy lives.</p> <p>ELFT has been named one of the HSJ Top 10 best places to work in healthcare, HSJ Provider Trust of the Year and graded as Outstanding by our regulator, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in 2018. We believe that staff who feel valued by the Trust and are truly</p>	

engaged in the organization deliver better outcomes for our patients. This Trust is clinician-led and provides the highest possible level of clinical expertise throughout its services.

We have set ourselves the mission to improve the quality of life of all we serve and have embarked on an ambitious Quality Improvement Programme to transform the culture of the Trust to one of continuous improvement, delivered through the participation of all staff and with service users, carers and families at the heart of our efforts to improve.

This is a two week structured programme to prepare a 3rd-year pharmacy undergraduate for the future position of hospital pre-registration pharmacist and a taster of mental health pharmacy. The two weeks would be based at one of the hospitals: 4 placements available for London- City and Hackney Centre for Mental Health, Newham Centre for Mental Health or Mile End Hospital and 2 placements at Luton mental health centre.

During this time, you will experience and gain an insight into different areas of the pharmacy department and the services provided. Each student will have a tutor and a timetable will be prepared which comprises different rotations. This will range from Older People's Care wards, Forensics, Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health, Crisis units, Psychiatric Intensive care units, Substance Misuse Team, Clozapine Clinic, or community teams. Also, you will have an opportunity to complete a workbook and deliver a presentation to the department.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual summer placement may need to be set up, as done for the 2020 summer placement students. This will be decided closer to the time and successful candidates will be notified.

Students will work from home and each student will have a tutor. All sessions will be via an electronic link that will be set up (e.g. Microsoft teams). It includes attending pharmacy huddles, multi-disciplinary ward rounds, patient consultations as appropriate and department training sessions. There will also be opportunities to learn from specialist pharmacists e.g. children and adolescent mental health pharmacist, crisis pathway pharmacy team, etc. Also, you will also have an opportunity to complete a workbook and deliver a presentation to the department using a case study provided by the tutor.