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# **PRACTICE EDUCATION WITHIN HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK:**

Information for practice partners



# WELCOME FROM HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES

It is a pleasure to provide a Welcome to this resource, which provides information for our highly valued and supportive health and social care practice partners.

This is a time of increasing complexity and challenge as professional care services respond to demographic changes, multi-morbidities, social inequalities and environmental changes.

This is also a time of great opportunity as we work together to operationalise the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan and develop collaborative responses to increase recruitment and retention across health and social care services.

Our shared commitment to excellence in health and social care enables us to work together to support and develop students who are critical thinkers, ethical and resilient.

The Department of Health Sciences (DHS) sits within the College of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences (CHMLS).

DHS has 5 Divisions:

- Global public health
- Nursing
- Occupational health
- Physiotherapy
- Social work

The vision of Brunel University London as stated in our new Strategy 'Wielding Brunel's World-class difference' (2023) is:

*Brunel is different! It is a world-class research university, combining a technical focus with research excellence that is closely aligned with the needs of equitable and inclusive, environmentally-sustainable global societies and economies. With a strong social mission, distinctive staff talent and highly employable graduates, we have exceptional international reach from our London campus.*

We hope you find this document helpful and we look forward to ongoing collaboration to enable us – together – to facilitate the flourishing of the individuals, families and communities we work with.

Thank you for your ongoing support and positive contributions which enable us to develop educational and research excellence necessary to respond to the care needs of today and tomorrow.



Professor Ann Gallagher

## Practice Education – Our overarching vision

Academic, professional and technical service staff within the Department of Health Sciences are committed to the delivery of transformational and authentic practice education. This will be achieved through open, courageous and pioneering working values that deliver the college's UK and international education goals; that places the student and apprentice experience at the heart of practice education, simulation and interprofessional learning.

We will be open by being sensitive, responsive and timely in our support of students, apprentices, educators, supervisors and assessors, to ensure that practice partners are able to provide high quality, diverse, innovative and alternate practice education experiences. This will be achieved using virtual, direct and indirect supervision to promote expansive, ethical and compassionate learning environments.

We will be courageous by working collaboratively, to co-create interprofessional and simulated learning experiences that place safety, therapeutic intervention, public health, safeguarding and social justice at the heart of practice; fulfilling our professional and civic duty to champion enablement, empowerment, inclusivity whilst challenging oppressive and discriminatory practices.

We will be inventive by supporting fair, open, transparent approaches to assessment, where the patient, client, child, young person and service user voice is pre-eminent, whilst recognising that maintaining proficiency and creating new knowledge in the workplace is perpetual.

Together, we play an integral role in shaping the future of health and social work by equipping our students with the knowledge, skills, and values essential for their success in their chosen disciplines and their contribution to the advancement of society.







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