**Important information: COVID-19 Temporary register**

Dear [Salutation]

The UK Government has asked us to work with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) to prepare for the temporary registration of health and care professionals, allowing final year students who have successfully completed their final clinical placements such as you to practice as registered professionals. This supports the public health response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.

We have now provided your details to the HCPC to enable them to automatically enter you on to the temporary register.

**What does temporary student registration mean for you?**

Once you are on the temporary register you will be able to practice using one of the HCPC protected titles. If you decide to go into practice you will need to meet the HCPC [Standards of conduct, performance and ethics](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/standards-of-conduct-performance-and-ethics/) and the [Standards of proficiency for your profession](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/standards/standards-of-proficiency/) (as far as they relate to your current scope of practice).

If you choose not to go into practice, the appearance of your name on the temporary register does not place any obligations on you.

**What does this mean for your studies?**

The COVID-19 temporary Register will remain open as long as is required for the NHS to handle the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you decide to practice during the COVID-19 pandemic, you will be able to continue your studies once this is over. [INSERT YOUR OWN APPROPRIATE HEI ARRANGEMENTS HERE].

If you decide not to practice [INSERT YOUR OWN APPROPRIATE HEI ARRANGEMENTS HERE].

**Do you want to practice?**

The NHS is coordinating the workforce response to the developing situation. You can express your interest by completing the [NHS survey](https://nhsdigital.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q4cFuRzm1j4maN).

Your temporary HCPC registration details will be published on [HCPC’s website](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/covid-19/), once the coronavirus legislation is passed and the Government gives permission for the temporary register to be published. You will need your registration number to gain employment, however you can still indicate your interest now.

**Further guidance**

For more detailed information about the temporary student register please visit our [advice for students.](https://www.hcpc-uk.org/covid-19/advice/advice-for-students/)

Your sincerely,

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