

Information for pharmacy undergraduates

Summer vacation placements 2022

Question:	Answer:
Name of Trust/Cluster	East London NHS Foundation Trust
How many vacation placements do you have for 2022?	4 students between June & July 2022
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 only
When do applications open?	31 st January 2022
When do application close?	25 th February 2022
How should I apply for a vacation placement?	Via the application form on HEE. It can also be found on the East London Foundation Trust website from January.
When is the interview date?	23 rd March 2022
When will I be notified if I have been successful?	30 th March 2022
Who should I contact for more information or send the application to?	Sabeeha Patel sabeeha.patel@nhs.net
Further information on the Trust:	

Originally formed in 2000, East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT) has long been recognised as a centre of excellence for mental health care, innovation and improvement. Our ambition is to make a positive difference by providing people with mental and community health care services that support their recovery, and help them to achieve the most fulfilling lives possible. Everything we do is driven by our values of care, respect and inclusivity. Our patients' needs matter most and we are constantly working to improve our support for all who use and have contact with our services. Our extensive research approach, commitment to education and emphasis on quality means we are at the forefront of excellence in mental health care.

The pharmacy department offers a two-week placement to prepare third year pharmacy undergraduate students for the future position of hospital trainee pharmacist and an insight into mental health pharmacy. The placement will be based at one of four hospital sites: City and Hackney Centre for Mental Health, Newham Centre for Mental Health, Mile End Hospital and Luton Mental Health Centre.

During this time, you will gain valuable insight into different areas of the pharmacy department and the services we provide. Each student will have a supervisor and a timetable, with time allocated to learn about various specialities within mental health. This will range from Older Adults, Forensics, Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health, Crisis Units, Psychiatric Intensive care Units, Substance Misuse Teams, Clozapine Clinics, and Community Mental Health Teams. Also, you will have an opportunity to complete a workbook and deliver a presentation to the department.

Please note that these placements will be based on-site. Placements will only be conducted virtually if there are restrictions in place due to COVID-19. As per Trust policy, any student undertaking a placement at ELFT must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (2 vaccination doses required, evidence may be requested at the interview).