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*Clinical Skills Assistant*

The Clinical Skills Assistant (CSA) volunteer project is an initiative that addresses the lack of consistent opportunities for medical students to carry out clinical skills. Repetitive intentional practice with timely feedback has been shown to lead to development of expertise. You will be recruited as a volunteer to work short shifts within Queen’s Medical Centre (QMC) Emergency Department (ED). You will work as part of the multidisciplinary team developing clinical and non-technical skills to provide patient-centered care, whilst supporting the department to deliver excellent care without exception.

***The key aims of the project will be:***

* To provide training in a range of commonly used clinical skills within the ED
* To offer the opportunity to perform these clinical skills regularly (2-4x a month) with constructive feedback from experienced professionals.
* To increase your confidence with the pace of work and the acuity of patients in a busy ED.

***Objectives of the Role:***

**Clinical Skills**

* To develop proficiency in the following core clinical skills through training, repetitive practice, mentoring and constructive feedback.

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| *Venepuncture* | *Cannulation* | *Blood Cultures* |
| *Urinalysis* | *Bladder Scanning* | *Clinical Observations* |
| *Blood Sugar and Ketone Monitoring* | *Swabbing* | *ECG’s* |

* Supervised opportunistic practice of additional skills such as arterial blood gases and urinary catheterisation

**Collaborative Working**

* To communicate with clarity and confidence with patients and the multidisciplinary team
* To understand the limitations of their practice and recognising the need to escalate
* To demonstrate positive and collaborative team working skills
* To demonstrate proficiency and familiarity with the ED IT systems

**ED Environment**

* To understand the system of emergency and urgent care
* To increase confidence in caring for the acutely unwell patient as part of the emergency department team

# The Role - Voluntary

* Hours
  + 4hour shifts evenings and weekends
  + Must complete 2-4 shifts a month

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| ***Requirements*** | |
| **Commitment** | * Professional responsibility to attend shifts regularly and punctually * Desire to have a better understanding of emergency care * Desire to improve practical skills in patient-facing setting |
| **Education and Qualifications** | * Current clinical placement medical student at University of Nottingham (Foundation For Practice students or CP2 students) * Basic Life Support Qualification |
| **Collaborative Working** | * Desire to improve skills in collaborative MDT working * Understand principles of a high performing team in providing excellent patient care |
| **Additional Attributes** | * Good organizational skills * Initiative |

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