

Your Academic Health Sciences Centre

A guide for students



A unique partnership for students

King's Health Partners is a pioneering collaboration between King's College London and Guy's and St Thomas', King's College Hospital and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trusts.

King's Health Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre (AHSC) is one of only five accredited AHSCs in the UK.

What is an Academic Health Sciences Centre?

An Academic Health Sciences Centre (AHSC) is an organisation that brings together research, patient care, teaching and training to reduce the time it takes for research discoveries and medical breakthroughs to become routine clinical practice. This will lead to better care and treatment for patients and the local communities we serve. While AHSCs have existed for some time in other parts of the world, they are new to the UK.

What does this mean for you?

As leading teaching organisations, we play a key role in training the health professionals of tomorrow, as well as the researchers and academics who will help drive change and innovation.

Students are the future of King's Health Partners.



Our mission is to pioneer better health and well-being, locally and globally, through integrating excellence in research, clinical care and education and training.

A unique opportunity for you

With over 19,500 students and 25,000 staff, we are one of the largest centres of healthcare, research and training in Europe.

At undergraduate level we train a wider range of healthcare professionals than any other organisation in the UK, including doctors, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists and dieticians amongst others.

We serve a local population of two million people and wider catchment area for specialist services of up to five million. We are uniquely placed to translate ground-breaking research into direct patient benefit for the population of one of the world's largest and most diverse cities.

As a student within an Academic Health Sciences Centre, you are studying within an environment that fosters innovation. You have the opportunity to study alongside world-class academics, clinicians and researchers.

King's Health Partners offers unparalleled opportunities for students.

Exposure to world-class teaching and internationally competitive research

Our partnership recognises the importance of education and training:

- for your future and that of future students
- in the development of the community in which you are studying, and
- in bringing about improved patient care through the faster translation of research

This is achieved through exposure to world-class teaching and excellent research that is internationally recognised.

Our graduates are equipped with a diverse range of skills to take their place in a dynamic and continuously changing healthcare environment.



Revolutionising the way education and training is delivered

King's Health Partners offers unique opportunities for students to maximise potential and make lasting contributions to the health and well-being of patients.

Our Education Academy oversees the education and training activities of King's Health Partners to ensure consistent standards of excellence, with an emphasis placed on:

- scholarship
- professionalism
- communications
- leadership

We already provide a comprehensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and are developing additional continuing professional development courses, and learning packages in emerging subject areas.

Our programmes support learners from a diverse range of social, cultural and academic backgrounds.



Our plan for the future of education and training. King's Health Partners will become the UK's leading Academic Health Sciences Centre (AHSC) by developing innovative ways to deliver education and training to students. We will do this by:

1. Providing world-class, innovative education and training in a wide range of health disciplines, building on existing strengths.
 2. Further improving the student experience.
 3. Developing and evaluating new exemplars of healthcare education by researching new pedagogical practices.
 4. Giving opportunities to students who have the talent, but not necessarily the educational qualifications to pursue careers in all healthcare disciplines.
 5. Further developing the culture of learning that is informed by research, and at the centre of clinical practice.
 6. Creating a focus on Global Health that brings together the Partners' current activities and shares excellent practice.
 7. Expanding opportunities for training and development of the entire workforce.
 8. Identifying, nurturing and training the future leaders of the healthcare professions.
 9. Impacting upon our communities by increasing patient access to health data, educational resources and information about research studies and clinical trials.
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