

# Applicant Letter of Support

## Higher Diploma in Science in Medical Science



### Instructions

This form is intended to confirm that the applicant is currently employed at this hospital as a Medical Laboratory Aide. It also indicates that the site can support the applicant in achieving the module learning outcomes by facilitating 1,000 hours of practice placement.

### Practice Information

Hospital Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants Name \_\_\_\_\_

Approvers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Approvers Position \_\_\_\_\_

Approvers Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Approvers Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm that the above-named hospital site can fulfil the module learning outcomes for the following disciplines:

Haematology	Yes	No	Cellular Pathology	Yes	No
Microbiology	Yes	No	Blood Transfusion	Yes	No
Clinical Chemistry	Yes	No			

If you are unable to provide training in one or more of the disciplines at your hospital site, please give the details of additional site(s) and departments where the student will complete part of their placement below.

Hospital Site \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the contact details for the practice educator (PE) in the additional site(s).

Contact Details Name \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

I've read the information supplied by ATU and confirm that by signing this form, I agree to:

1. Support the applicant in achieving the module learning outcomes,
2. Support the completion of 1000 hours of practice placement by the applicant.
3. Ensure that the applicant will be trained in all 5 disciplines, either on site or in an alternative site -details of which I have included above
4. Recommending the applicant for the programme.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Approver*

Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Practice Placement Module Learning Outcomes

The learning outcomes (LOs) for this module are aligned with the CORU standards of proficiency and state that “on completion of the module learners will/should be able to:

1. Practice safely and effectively within the practice boundaries of the profession.
2. Competently perform core laboratory techniques in the medical science disciplines under supervision.
3. Apply previously acquired theory and practical knowledge to the day -to-day work in a clinical laboratory.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the collaborative skills required to practise effectively as a medical scientist.
5. Take responsibility for managing one’s workload and setting priorities.
6. Analyse and interpret laboratory results to assist in screening, diagnosis and disease management and be able to advise on further testing as appropriate.
7. Communicate effectively with staff and service users in a healthcare setting through written and oral means.
8. Comply with current Health and Safety regulations, and have knowledge of the relevant biological, chemical, and physical hazard groups and associated risk containment in the clinical laboratory.
9. Demonstrate an understanding of and be able to apply the principles of quality assurance, quality improvement and quality management, including risk management in the clinical laboratory.
10. Demonstrate an understanding of legal and ethical issues, including issues relating to consent, confidentiality and data protection that pertain to medical science.
11. Participate in reflective practice and demonstrate an understanding of the need for ongoing and continuing professional development.
12. Recognise personal responsibility and professional accountability for one’s actions and be able to justify professional decisions made.
13. Research and audit current practices in medical science with reference to ethical, professional, and legal frameworks.

*(Note: LO10-12 may be taught/assessed by both ATU and Hospital PET; LO13 will be delivered and assessed by ATU PET.)*

## Responsibilities of the Practice Placement site.

**The practice placement site will:**

- Collaborate with ATU Practice Education Team (PET) in the delivery of the current curriculum of the Higher Diploma in Medical Science, and with due regard to the appropriate CORU Standards of proficiency for Medical Scientists.
- Deliver the Practice Placement (PP) module as outlined in the Practice Placement Trainers Handbook and ensure student(s) are appropriately supervised in all aspects of their work.
- Collaborate with ATU PET in the assessment of the student's performance during placement.
- Work with ATU to manage any ongoing changes and developments associated with the practice placement module.
- Complete, as necessary, and as outlined in the PP Trainers Handbook, training provided by ATU.
- Ensure student(s) have been offered appropriate vaccinations to allow them to operate safely in a clinical environment.
- Confirm that student(s) have completed the Garda Vetting procedure.
- Supply the professional resources necessary to enable the student(s) to complete the practice placement module

## Responsibilities of Atlantic Technological University (ATU).

**ATU will:**

- Ensure compliance with academic standards.
- Provide appropriate training courses to the practice educators (PE) for the successful management of the practice placement module.
- Provide appropriate insurance indemnities for students undertaking the practice placement.
- Instruct the students about all aspects of the practice placement, including work conduct code, confidentiality of all matters which come to their knowledge by virtue of their practice placement, and placement assessment methods. The ATU student code of conduct applies to all students whilst on practice placement, and the ATUPET will ensure that students are aware of this code.
- Facilitate the completion by students of a self-declaration regarding their health. In the event of any concern regarding a student's physical or mental ability to undertake the practice placement, occupational health clearance will be required prior to commencement of the placement.
- Update the practice placement module, as required. This will be in consultation and collaboration with the programme practice educators with regard to the implementation of any such changes.