

WHAT TO EXPECT ON PPA

ON THE UNDERGRADUATE DIETETICS PROGRAMME

Practice Placement A (PPA) is the first of three placements on the undergraduate programme in dietetics. It is a 155h placement that takes place in Year 1.

Where does PPA take place?

PPA is generally led by a catering department in a healthcare setting.

What are students expected to learn on PPA?

Students should have an understanding of the following within the context of a healthcare setting:

- Safe and hygienic food provision
- Limitations to food provision
- Patient experience
- Professional behaviour

What activities do students carry out on PPA?

Students may be asked to safely:

- Store, prepare, and serve food
- Clean specific kitchen areas
- Conduct menu analysis
- Complete audits on service delivery
- Liaise with the dietetic department

This list is not exhaustive. Placement activities will vary from setting to setting.

How is PPA assessed?

PPA is assessed by two means, each marked as pass/fail:

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| 1. Placement portfolio | Comprised of activities submitted to Trinity each week |
| 2. Assessment form | Completed by student and on-site supervisor on the last week |

