Student dietitians must complete 1000 hours of clinical training to qualify and register with the profession's regulatory body (CORU). These 1000 hours are acquired across 3 practice placements.

**Practice Placement A [PPA]**
- **What?** Placement in a hospital catering department
- **Why?** To understand how catering supports the work of a dietetic department
- **When?** Year 1, mid-May to mid-June
- **How long?** 4 weeks

**Practice Placement B [PPB]**
- **What?** Placement with dietetic teams in acute and primary care settings
- **Why?** To develop core clinical and dietetic skills
- **When?** Year 2, Apr to Jun
- **How long?** 11 weeks

**Practice Placement C [PPC]**
- **What?** Placement with a dietetic team in an acute hospital setting
- **Why?** To refine core clinical and dietetic skills to an employable standard
- **When?** Year 4, Sep to Dec or Jan to Apr
- **How long?** 14 weeks

**Clinical classes**
- **What?** Classes in St. James' Hospital
- **Why?** To maintain key clinical skills between PPB and PPC
- **When?** Every Wed in Year 3