



Student Clinical Placements and your CPD Portfolio for CORU

What is a CPD Portfolio?

All Physiotherapists registered with CORU must engage in a range of CPD activities on an on-going basis and maintain an up-to-date CPD portfolio. CORU specify that the CPD portfolio must include: (i) description of your current professional role and practice setting; (ii) personal learning plan; (iii) record of CPD activities; (iv) reflections on a number of CPD activities; and (v) evidence of undertaking CPD activities.

What counts as a CPD activity?

CPD activities may be structured learning activities (formal/professional/work-based) or unstructured learning activities (informal/self-directed). One hour of learning equals one CPD credit. CORU registrants must complete 30 CPD credits in a 12 month period.

How are student placements relevant to my CPD Portfolio?

There are numerous CPD activities and learning opportunities recognised by CORU that are integral to facilitating a student placement. Examples are outlined in the box below, including how to document appropriate evidence of the CPD activity. *(Note: This list is not exhaustive).*

Structured Learning Activities from Facilitating a Student Physiotherapy Placement	Appropriate Evidence	Unstructured Learning Activities from Facilitating a Student SLT Placement	Appropriate Evidence
Active engagement in supervision of student	Details of supervision and the impact on your role	Discussing a specific topic with students	Identify topic discussed, learning gained and the impact on your professional role
Completing a course or workshop in relation to practice education	Certificate of attendance & evaluation of the course in relation to your role	Keeping up to date with research evidence in support of best practice for student placement	Include details of your research & identify its contribution to your professional role
Designing a learning activity for students	Documentation about activity and evaluation	Reading and reflecting on case studies with student	Details of case studies & indicate contribution to your professional role
Development of information or support resources for students	Outline basis for development, review of implementation; include a copy of resources	Reflection on critical incidences or complex cases with student	Summary of situation, discussion and outcome. Ensure confidentiality is maintained.
Involvement in student practice education and providing placements.	Reflection on education of students, your contribution & the impact on your role	Sharing information/learning from CPD activities with students.	Copy of presentation/information shared.
Training on placement grading tools and assessment of students	Details of training and impact on professional practice	Professional reading and study, e.g. CORU website and publications, journal articles, webinar, on-line libraries, educational videos.	Details of materials read and personal notes on contribution to professional role.

How do I document the CPD activities completed for my CPD Portfolio?

The two forms overleaf are designed to help you document CPD activities completed in relation to facilitating a student placement. The forms are based on the CORU CPD Portfolio Template, March 2017. Further information in relation to CPD Portfolios for CORU registrants is available from the CORU website (www.coru.ie).

Record of CPD activities from student placement

Document here all the CPD activities that arose from facilitating the student placement. They may have occurred before, during, or after the student placement.

No. of activity	Title of learning activity	No. of CPD credits	Completion date	Supporting evidence	Learning gained from activity or opportunity
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

Student Placement CPD Reflective Practice Report on a Learning Activity/Experience

Brief description of the learning activity or learning experience

What learning need was the activity designed to meet (refer to Personal Learning Plan if planned learning activity) or was this an unplanned learning opportunity?

On reflection, what have I learned from the experience? (skills, knowledge, professional attitudes, other)

How can this learning impact on my professional practice and the delivery of service to my service users?

Has this learning activity highlighted any areas for development and new learning needs for me?

My action plan resulting from this experience is:

Goal	Timescale