



Case Study

BAPO Educator Network

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What made you decide to join the Educator Network?

To get some insight on how education is being developed throughout P+O with the hope to get some new ideas on how I can improve as an educator.

How do you envisage the Network that can support you as a clinical educator?

I envisage a community that empowers each other to continue to develop as educators. I would also hope to have access to educational resources and shared ideas on how to influence the development of students.

What do you enjoy about your role as a clinical educator?

Being a clinical educator instils the need for continued professional development. I am constantly testing my own knowledge and skills as well as the students which means that I can highlight areas in my knowledge that need improving. I find it extremely rewarding to help someone develop their passion for P+O and perhaps help them to understand differing learning techniques which they will use continuously throughout their studies not just on their placement.

What would you say to others who are thinking of becoming a clinical educator?

I would absolutely encourage everyone to become a clinical educator. The students are the future of P+O and we should embrace our ability to help steer the path for their career ahead.

What is the most rewarding aspect of the time you spend with learners?

The aspect I find most rewarding is observing their clinical skills suddenly click at which point they begin to lead appointments and feel that they are achieving leaps and bounds, this becomes a huge confidence boost for students and I feel grateful to have been a part of that progress.

What do you learn by being a clinical educator?

As a clinical educator I am constantly learning. That can be in knowledge, clinical skills or just day to day life. I would say that my communication skills are continuously improving as an educator.

How do you see your role as a clinical educator evolving over the next 5 years?

I would like to be a part of a network that has at least one clinician from each service.

What excites you about P&O clinical education?

Guiding someone towards a career that they have worked hard for excites me the most

If you could make just 1 change to how P&O clinical education is delivered what would that be?

I would like services to feel more confident in accepting students. I think accepting a student into a service should be seen as an advantage not a hindrance. It seems that there is a stigma that accepting students creates more work and takes up too much time. I have found it to be the complete opposite and will continue to welcome students to my clinics.

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