

## **PARTNERS Academic Summer School - June/ July 2026 Medicine Strand Attendee Code of Conduct**

This document sets out a code of conduct for all students attending the Medicine strand of the PARTNERS Academic Summer School (PASS) taking place as a blended delivery model, via Canvas (virtual learning environment) and at Newcastle University campus, from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026.

This document should be read in conjunction with the "Attendee Code of Conduct". The "Attendee Code of Conduct" sets out expectations for all PARTNERS students. This document sets out additional expectations required of PARTNERS students attending the Medicine strand.

To successfully complete the Academic Summer School you must adhere to the following:

- Abide by the behavioural expectations and standards set out in the Attendee Code of Conduct.
- Abide by the behavioural expectations and standards set out in the Medicine Strand Attendee Code of Conduct.
- Read and complete the Anatomy Code of Conduct and abide by behavioural expectations and standards set out within it.
- Once you have access to your University email, check this at least once a day.
- Fully engage with all compulsory sessions, including:
  - 100% attendance at all present-in-person sessions.
  - Engagement with online sessions and resources, as directed by your strand leader and PARTNERS Team.
- Submit your Formative Assessment, as directed by your strand leader.
- Submit the PASS Evaluation Form, by 5 pm on Friday 17th July 2026.

## Attendance & Engagement

You are required to attend 100% of your timetabled sessions, this includes:

- All online sessions, as outlined by your strand leader.
- All present-in-person, on-campus sessions.
- Online HE Skills sessions, as outlined by the PARTNERS Team.

Students are expected to attend all sessions and attend on time. Absences for a legitimate reason (e.g. severe illness, hospital appointment) must be backed up by evidence such as a doctor's note or hospital appointment letter. Failure to supply evidence will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised. Lateness must follow the procedure outlined in the induction materials and in the Case Launch (i.e. email the strand leader to explain why). Students are expected to engage with asynchronous materials and during in-person sessions (this includes, for example, listening, making notes and carrying out activities).

Students who do not meet the required levels of professionalism throughout the Summer School (for example, frequent lateness without emailing the strand leader to inform them, submitting formative work that shows minimal effort) may be asked to complete an additional assessment reflecting on their professionalism. This aligns with professionalism processes in place in Year 1 of the MBBS course.

## Clinical Skills Practical

Students must wear clothing that allows them to be "bare below the elbow" in clinical skills sessions. If you anticipate this being a problem, please contact the strand leader. No food or drink is allowed in the Clinical Skills laboratory. Students will be doing respiratory examinations so may want to wear a thin T-shirt if they are comfortable with being examined. Further information will be provided in the Case Launch on the first day (online) of the Summer School.

## Anatomy Practical

At Newcastle University, we are extremely lucky to have people who selflessly donate their body for medical education, and it is our responsibility to respect our donors' wishes and maintain their dignity at all times. As a HTA (Human Tissue Authority) licensed anatomy establishment, we are held to strict legal standards regarding our donors. We take these rules and regulations very seriously.

During the Summer School you will have the opportunity to see some of the cadaveric specimens we use in our teaching. You will be required to complete an Anatomy Code of Conduct prior to the in-person anatomy session. This is an electronic form that you will be given access to prior to the Summer School. You must read and complete this at least 48 hours before your timetabled session in the Dissecting Room. If you do not complete this Code of Conduct, you will not be able to attend the session. If you do not adhere to the rules outlined in the Anatomy Code of Conduct, appropriate action will be taken. When working in the Dissecting Room, students need to leave all belongings (including mobile phones) in the lockers provided. No food or drink is allowed in the Dissecting Room. Further information can be found [here](#) and further explanation will also be given in the Case Launch on the first day (online) of the Summer School.

## Agreement

Failure to adhere to the above will reflect on your overall performance at the Summer School and may result in your removal from the PARTNERS Academic Summer School.