

Student Anaesthesia Associate Job Description



Job Title	Student Anaesthesia Associate
Reference	TBC
Department / Team	TBC
Location	TBC
Band	TBC
Responsible to	Clinical Lead Theatres and Anaesthetics
Accountable to	DCD Theatres and Anaesthetics
Responsible for	TBC
Review date	Assignment timeframes may need to be reviewed
End date	

Role Specifics

Background

The post holder will complete this role in a blended learning environment; using clinical sessions and simulation in conjunction with their online learning and tutorials to gain the practical skills and knowledge required for successful progression through their Anaesthesia Associate MSc/PGDip. This will include, but is not limited to:

- Learning how to deliver anaesthesia, monitor and maintain the condition of patients, and conduct the induction and emergence from anaesthesia under the supervision of a consultant anaesthetist/autonomously practicing physician anaesthetists.
- Learning how to safely and correctly administer drugs for induction and maintenance of anaesthesia, intra-operative fluids and post-operative analgesia under the direct supervision of a consultant anaesthetist/autonomously practicing physician anaesthetists.
- Learning how to undertake pre-operative and post-operative patient assessments.

Duties

Communication

- Maintain effective communication links with senior Anaesthetic Doctors and Anaesthetists in training (AiTs), the wider Multidisciplinary team (MDT) and

other divisional or departmental teams as appropriate.

- Able to communicate complex conditions and related information to patients and their relatives in a manner that demonstrates empathy and reassurance, under appropriate supervision.
- Always exercises and maintains confidentiality as set out in the '[Achieving good medical practice: interim guidance for physician associate and anaesthesia associate students](#)' published by the General Medical Council (GMC 2022).

Personal and People Development

- To actively partake in their formal educational plan with their educational supervisor, including meetings every module and two formal reviews of competency progression. Performance will be monitored against set objectives as detailed in the chosen Higher Educational Institution (HEI) programme handbook.
- Maintain an educational portfolio and logbook to ensure progression in all aspects of the programme as dictated by the requirements of the chosen university programme handbook.
- Take part in reflection and appropriate learning from practice, to develop and maintain competence and performance.
- Be responsible for developing and sustaining your own knowledge, management & clinical skills (as appropriate) and professional awareness in accordance with the Anaesthesia Associate training programme, as set out by the associated HEI and the employer/placement provider.
- Be responsible for maintaining good professional behaviour both in the clinical environment and outside of this as a student in preparation to meet the standards and expectations of the public of a future medical professional (GMC 2022).
- To practice under appropriate supervision the role of student anaesthesia associate, working within the boundaries of the programme as set out in the Anaesthesia Associate curriculum and HEI.
- To work in accordance with professional anaesthetic standards, and to achieve competence in all aspects of the perioperative patient journey including monitoring and maintaining anaesthesia.
- Participate in the education of patients and their carers.
- To establish a good working relationship within the wider hospital and offer support when required. Participate in the assessment of other team members as appropriate.

- Following GMC regulation, all AAs will need to pass the [Anaesthesia associate registration assessment](#) (AARA) upon completion of the training programme to demonstrate their readiness to practise in the UK.

Responsibility for Patient Care

- Learns how to and actively engages in planning anaesthetic provision within appropriate supervision.
- Learns how to administer drugs as prescribed and does so under direct supervision of a consultant anaesthetist/autonomously practicing physician anaesthetist.
- Learns how to initiate and manage fluid and blood therapy within the plan of care.
- Develops competence and demonstrates skills in assessing and interpreting acute patient conditions, taking appropriate action, recognising and managing emergency situations.
- Learns to perform pre-operative assessment of patients and participates in developing a suitable plan of care with appropriate supervision.
- Learns to administer and/or participate in the planned administration of general, regional and spinal anaesthesia for a variety of surgical and medically related procedures.
- Learns to use a variety of techniques, anaesthesia agents, drugs and equipment in providing anaesthesia care.
- Learns to interpret and utilise data obtained from invasive and non-invasive monitoring equipment.
- Learns to utilise information systems as required.
- Learns to assess, develop and implement anaesthetic programmes within a prescribed framework, and how to effectively provide advice to the surgeon on anaesthetic care of the patient.
- Learns to evaluate and/or collect patient information from the patient's history, physical examination, laboratory, radiographic and other diagnostic data and identify relevant findings.
- Learns to identify and take appropriate action in the immediate post-operative period in relation to common post-operative problems, and where to escalate as appropriate.
- If training occurs at an employer with an already established Anaesthesia Associate team there may be opportunities to gain experience in several working models and areas considered advanced areas of practice and skill. However, this exposure will be determined by the local consultant anaesthetists coordinating the student practice placements.

Physical Skills

- Demonstrates high levels of dexterity and accuracy required for the role.
- Learns how to position and supervise positioning of patients to ensure optimal physiological function and patient safety.

Mental Effort

- High level of concentration and vigilance on patient anaesthesia for lengthy periods.
- Assessment of patient responses for readiness to move to the next level of care in relation to common post-operative complications.

Health, Safety and Security

- Ensure maintenance of clean and safe clinical environments within the department.
- Ensure practice and care delivery is in accordance with relevant research and evidence base and trust policies and guidelines.
- Ensure potential risks for all staff, patients and visitors are identified, action taken as required and relevant incident reporting procedures are adhered to.
- Contribute to drawing up action plans to minimise and manage risks.
- Identify and address opportunities for shared learning resulting from incidents and complaints.

Service Improvement

- To participate in facilitating the development of policies, protocols and patient directives within the anaesthetic team, by partaking in surveys and data collection.
- To partake in anaesthetic department research and audit projects, including the collection of data if required, as appropriate.

Equality and Diversity

- Carry out duties and responsibilities regarding the Trust's Equal Opportunity policy.
- Recognise the importance of peoples' rights and act in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and procedures.
- Ensure that staff acknowledge and recognise peoples' expressed beliefs, preferences and choices, respecting diversity and valuing people as individuals.
- Take account of own behaviour and its effect on others Key Working Relationships

The Student Anaesthesia Associate will work closely with the following:

- Divisional Manager
- Divisional Clinical Director
- Consultant and Medical Staff
- Wider MDT
- General Managers

