

# **Job Description**

# Senior Lecturer and Module Lead for Year 3

Salary: Grade 9 (Salary benchmarked to an appropriate NHS clinical pay

scale)

**Contract:** Part time, ongoing

School/Department: Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS)

**Location:** Canterbury Campuses

**Responsible to:** Academic Lead for Year 3 or their nominee

**Responsible for:** Yr3 Clinical Rotations







# **Kent and Medway Medical School**

Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) opened to our first cohort of students in September 2020 and achieved full GMC accreditation in 2025. Our vision is to become a beacon for first-class medical education and research and to attract the most talented aspiring doctors from within the local community and beyond, offering training and development opportunities that will help keep this talent in Kent and Medway. The five-year undergraduate programme is taught at the Canterbury campuses of both university partners with medical placements within Primary, Community and Secondary Care across Kent and Medway. KMMS brings together the existing centres of excellence in health and medical education provided by the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University and local healthcare organisations, to offer a new model of person-centred medical education.

# **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**

We welcome applications from members of all the non-majority parts of our community and KMMS is committed to the fair treatment of all staff and students and ensuring that the learning and working environment is supportive and inclusive for all. Duties in the delivery of learning, teaching and supporting students and staff should be performed in a manner in keeping with the School's commitment to equality and diversity and our core values. KMMS will work towards attaining an appropriate Athena Swan award.

# Job purpose

We are seeking an inspirational educator and role model to make a major contribution to teaching and the design, delivery and evaluation of clinical placements in Year 3 of the School's undergraduate medicine programme. The post holder will ensure alignment of teaching with Year 3 learning objectives, engage with placement providers to ensure equivalent learning experience, consistent high- quality of Year 3 teaching and will seek improvements by reflecting on placement design teaching methods and student and provider feedback to enhance Year 3 provision. The role is open to suitably qualified individuals who have a specific interest and background in undergraduate medical, health sciences or healthcare education, and who are working in current clinical practice within the NHS.

The role will involve working on the campus sites of both the partner universities in Canterbury and Medway and conducting extensive liaison work with placement providers based across Kent and Medway. The curriculum model is a spiral curriculum whereby students build upon the principles and concepts taught year by year, increasing the depth and range of topics learnt. Year 3 represents a key transitional milestone as the programme shifts from predominantly campus-based activities to Longitudinal Integrated Placements (LIPs).

The successful applicant should have contemporary expertise in curriculum design, delivery and evaluation in undergraduate clinical, healthcare and/or medical education. Ideally, they will also have experience within the following range of activities: student selection, assessment including admissions and portfolios in medical education, electronic learning and assessment, student support, supervision and inter-professional learning and assessment.

The successful candidate will be a member of both Kent University as well as Canterbury Christ Church University and will be able to access the professional and personal services of either institution.

#### **Additional Information:**

- The post holder's clinical sessions will normally be undertaken under the auspices of an NHS organisation in Kent and Medway. Matters relating to honorary clinical contracts, accreditation and on-going clinical practice will be discussed on an individual basis with the successful candidate.
- The job holder will be required to participate in annual appraisal within KMMS (as well as within their NHS clinical employer if applicable).

## **Key accountabilities**

- Deliver and contribute to the design of high-quality, demand-driven, and student-centred taught programmes as a member of the teaching team.
- Work with the Academic Lead for Year 3 to manage the teaching, evaluation and development of Year 3 of the BM BS programme.
- Undertake additional leadership roles within the School, as determined with by their line manager.
- Take part in the enterprise activities of the School and undertake administrative duties assigned by the Dean or their nominee.

#### **Key duties**

The following are the main duties for the job. Other duties, commensurate with the grading of the job, may also be assigned from time to time.

#### 1. Teaching and Learning

- Deliver high quality teaching within Year 3 in a variety of settings, developing critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills in students.
- As a senior clinical peer, participate in placement quality assurance activity such as visits to placement providers, evaluation of student and placement provider feedback and assessment data.
- Identify learning needs of Year 3 students, define learning objectives and ensure that content, methods of delivery and learning materials will meet the defined learning objectives.
- Using experience of current clinical practice, develop own teaching materials, methods and approaches.
- Supervise the work of students, provide advice on study skills and help them with learning problems.
- Support moderation of Year 3 assessments including e-portfolio and case-based discussions.
- Seek ways of improving performance by reflecting on teaching design and delivery and obtaining and analysing feedback.

#### 2. Strategic development of KMMS Programmes:

- Contribute to the delivery, organisation and review of the teaching within the BM BS programme, ensuring that it is expressed in informative, interactive and assessable learning for our medical students, is integrated with students' core learning throughout, and satisfies GMC requirements.
- Using experience of current clinical practice, contribute to the delivery and review of the teaching in the earlier years' curriculum that prepares students for the relevant teaching within the BM BS programme.
- Collaborate with undergraduate faculty across placement providers to ensure parity in placement planning, design and delivery.
- Using experience of current clinical practice, engage in quality assurance activity which will include visits to
  placement providers, attendance at placement based mid and end of module fora, review of feedback from
  both students and placement faculty and evaluation of pertinent assessment data.

- Work with administrative staff and colleagues in the assessment team in the development and delivery of
  written, practical and oral assessments, including maintenance of an electronic exam question database,
  question writing, question review, standard setting, moderation/verification and mark checking processes and
  examiner recruitment to ensure that assessments are of high quality, valid and responsive to internal and
  external feedback.
- Contribute to and influence preparations for effective internal and external academic quality and governance processes and systems, including those associated with professional, statutory and regulatory bodies
- Draft proposals, guidelines and reports for meetings, as appropriate.

#### 3. School Management Team:

- Be a member of the KMMS management organisation and attend and participate in the work of KMMS boards, committees and sub-committees as directed by the Academic Lead for Year 3.
- Assist with the timely recruitment of Student Selected Component leaders to ensure that there are enough places to offer each academic year of students a variety of SSCs.
- Support programme validation events and Periodic Subject Reviews.
- Attend relevant meetings concerned with undergraduate management and development including visits from the GMC and other internal or external bodies.
- Contribute to the School's learning and teaching strategy and to subject level TEF submission.
- Participate in student recruitment and assessment activities across all 5 years of the programme.

#### 4. University and NHS representation and liaison

- Represent KMMS at local, regional and national meetings relevant to medical education with internal and external bodies and develop leadership in this domain.
- Participate in and develop external networks, for example to contribute to student recruitment, outreach work, income generation, consultancy projects and building external relationships for future activities.

You must handle personal and other electronic and manual date in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, the Deanery Data Protection Policy and the IT Acceptable Use Policy. Data will be stored and handled confidentially and securely, utilised for only agreed purposes and be subject to the access rights of individuals.

# **Internal & external relationships**

Internal:

This post requires close working relationships with Year Leaders, NHS and KMMS staff, researchers, Quality and Governance teams and administrative staff. Awareness of the impact of the medical school within the two partner universities is necessary and therefore this post requires good working relationships with staff and colleagues across both partner Universities

**External:** 

Leads for Medical Education and placement providers. External bodies such as Office for Students, Medical Schools Council, GMC, Academy of Medical Educators, Higher Education Academy, Health Education England, UK Foundation Programme Office

## Health, safety & wellbeing considerations

This job involves undertaking duties which include the following health, safety and wellbeing considerations:

- Regular use of Screen Display Equipment
- Working with chemicals (inc. requirement to wear latex gloves and inc. work with CO2 or N2 gasses)
- Biological Agents/Scientific Hazards (experiments/lasers etc, and waste/sewage)

- Conflict resolution
- Pressure to meet important deadlines such as might be inherent in high profile projects
- Ability to occasionally travel in a timely and efficient manner between campuses

# **Person specification**

The person specification details the necessary skills, qualifications, experience or other attributes needed to carry out the job. Applications will be measured against the criteria published below.

Selection panels will be looking for clear evidence and examples in an application, or cover letter (where applicable), which back-up any assertions made in relation to each criterion.

#### **Essential Criteria:**

- A primary medical qualification and full registration with the GMC, with a current licence to practise (A)
- In current NHS clinical practice and commitment to remain in clinical practice for the duration of the KMMS contract (A)
- Fellowship/Membership of an appropriate Royal College (A)
- Inclusion on the GMC Specialist Register with a Certificate of Completion of training (CCT) or equivalent (A)
- Academic credibility with a track record of excellence in teaching (A, I)
- Experience of teaching undergraduate or postgraduate students in a clinical or academic setting (A, I)
- Ability to innovate in relation to the development of the School's taught programmes (I, T)
- A proven ability to work co-operatively with colleagues and contribute to multi-disciplinary projects (I, T)
- Clear evidence of organisational, administrative and IT skills (A, T)
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills (I, T)
- Adaptable to change and resilient under pressure (I, T)
- Ability to exercise discretion and tact and maintain confidentiality (I, T)
- Ability to help shape an environment where less experienced colleagues can learn and develop (I, T)
- Ability to articulate the School's objectives in a way that encourages others to engage with the vision (I, T)
- Ability to undertake frequent travel across the Kent and Medway area (I)
- Flexible, adaptable and able to manage conflicting priorities and demands and work in partnership across different institutions and stakeholders (I, T)
- Firm commitment to achieving the University's vision and values, with a passion for a transformative student experience and multidisciplinary, impactful research (I)
- Commitment to deliver and promote equality, diversity and inclusivity in the day-to-day work of the role (I)

#### **Desirable Criteria:**

- A research or professional doctoral degree (PhD or MD) or equivalent experience. If the candidate has completed a research degree information about allied metrics of success, such as publications and grant applications, should be provided (A)
- A post graduate teaching qualification\* (e.g. Grad Cert) or Membership or Fellowship of the HEA or AoME or equivalent. Candidates with a predominantly teaching background should highlight impactful scholarship activity e.g. curriculum reviewing, development of new delivery/assessment/feedback methods, external advisory roles etc. (A)
- Expertise and experience in curriculum and assessment design, implementation and evaluation in undergraduate clinical, healthcare or medical education (A, I)
- Experience and understanding of current issues in undergraduate healthcare programmes (A, I, T)
- Experience of and commitment to academic leadership and management (A, I)
- Experience and understanding of national and international expectations of good curriculum development and delivery (A, I, T)

- Sound understanding of recruitment and admissions, retention and widening participation in undergraduate medical education (A, I, T)
- Recent experience and sound understanding of quality assurance and enhancement issues in undergraduate healthcare education (A, I, T)

\*If the successful applicant is not in possession of a post graduate teaching qualification (e.g. Grad Cert) or Membership or Fellowship of the HEA or AoME or equivalent, they will be supported in obtaining this as part of their academic probation period.

Assessment stage: A - Application; I - Interview; T - Test/presentation at interview stage

#### **Additional Criteria for Senior Lecturer appointment**:

For the Senior Lecturer post, applicants must demonstrate a higher standard of achievement in either excellence in practice/activity or leadership within and/or beyond the discipline and their University and how their achievements have been recognised in impact and recognition. Candidates must also demonstrate a strong record of research leadership and successful grant applications.

At Senior Lecturer level, the post holder will also be expected to undertake a major leadership role within the School.