Occupational Therapy

Practice Education Training

2026-2027

National Inter-University Practice Education Training

This online three-hour practice education training is a national initiative delivered collaboratively by the four universities.

The training covers the common core components of practice education, including the role of the practice educator, student supervision, feedback, assessment, supporting student learning and managing placement-related processes. If you are new to practice education, returning after some time away or would simply like a refresher, you are very welcome to attend.

We recommend completing this training every three years to remain up to date with current practice education processes, expectations and supports.

Dates and sign up:

- 26th August 2026 - National Occupational Therapy Interuniversity Training 26th August 2026 – Fill out form
- 9th December 2026 -National Occupational Therapy Interuniversity Training 9th December 2026 – Fill out form
- 3rd March 2027 -National Occupational Therapy Interuniversity Training 3rd March 2027 – Fill out form

Time: 10am to 1pm

Registration and Links to Session

Registration closes one week before each training session. Registered participants will receive the link one week before the session and the slides one day before the session. Please save the date in your diary when you register. The session link will be emailed to you before the training.

Practice Education Placement dates 2026-2027

If you would like to discuss a potential placement offer, or if you are in a position to submit an offer, please contact the Practice Education Team.

Trinity College Dublin	University of Galway	University Limerick	University College Cork
4th Year: 21st September 2026 – 4th December 2026	4th Year Block 1: 24th August 2026-16th October 2026 4th Year Block 2: 27th October 2026-18th December 2026	PE 3: (Third placement) 26th October 2026-18th December 2026	4th Year: 14th September 2026-20th November 2026
1st Year: 11th January 2027-15th January 2027	2nd Year: 11th January 2027-5th March 2027	PE 1: (First placement) 11th January 2027 to 5th February 2027	3rd Year: 11th January 2027-19th March 2027
3rd Year: 25th January 2027 to 9th April 2027	3rd Year: 8th March 2027-30th April 2027	PE 4: (Final placement) 8th March 2027 to 14th May 2027	2nd Year: 5th April 2027-28th May 2027
2nd Year: 4th May 2027-25th June 2027		PE 2: (Second placement) 17th May 2027 to 9th July 2027	1st Year: 26th April 2027-7th May 2027
Please contact Claire I. Gleeson (PEC) claire.gleeson@tcd.ie	**Please contact** Eilish King (PEC) eilish.king@universityofgalway.ie	**Please contact** Eimer Ni Riain (PEC) or Edwina Rushe (PEC) eimer.niriain@ul.ie edwina.rushe@ul.ie	**Please contact** Jean Harrington (PEC) jeanharrington@ucc.ie

Pre-Placement Briefings

In addition to the national training outlined above we will also provide a pre-placement briefing.

These sessions provide information tailored to the university, including placement assessments, processes and guidance relevant to the year and stage of the student.

A member of the university's Practice Education Team will contact you in advance with the date and time of the briefing. This will take place before the placement begins.

OTPEN Practice Education Series – 2026–2027

The Occupational Therapy Practice Education Network (OTPEN) is running a series of 1 hour online webinars on practice education topics to further develop knowledge and skills related to practice education.

All are welcome to join !

Innovative Models of Practice
Date and time: Tuesday 6 October at 2:00pm
Sign up here: Innovative Models of Practice

Supporting Underperforming Students
Date and time: Tuesday 10 November, 10:00am to 11:00am
Sign up here: Supporting Underperforming Students

Specialist Areas of OT Practice
Date and time: Monday 22 February, 12:00pm to 1:00pm
Sign up here: Specialist OT service

Inclusion in Practice Education
Date and time: Tuesday 27 April at 10:00am
Sign up here: Inclusion in Practice Education

Practice Education Coordinator Contacts

If you require any further information on any of the above training opportunities or if you are interested in becoming a practice educator, please see the below contact list:

Eimer Ní Riaín – eimer.niriain@ul.ie & Edwina Rushe – edwina.rushe@ul.ie

University Placement Resources

-University of Limerick: Contact **practice.education@ul.ie** and request access to our practice education resources.

AOTI conference 2026

We have a number of practice education-related sessions at the AOTI Conference 2026. Please look out for our session

SOARing in Practice Education: An Interactive, Collaborative Approach to Advancing Student Practice Education Opportunities

This session will explore collaborative and innovative approaches to supporting practice education, with a focus on strengthening student placement opportunities and building sustainable partnerships.

UCC Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh, Éire University College Cork, Ireland

Trinity College Dublin Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath The University of Dublin

Ollscoil na Gaillimhe University of Galway

University of Limerick Ollscoil Luimnigh