



**RCSI**

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING & MIDWIFERY**

### **Professional Certificate in Musculoskeletal Casting and Splinting (Adults and Children)**

#### **Preceptorship Requirements and Declaration**

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Each applicant for the Professional Certificate in Musculoskeletal Casting and Splinting, is required to identify a preceptor to support and assist them with the completion of their competency workbook during the programme. Preceptors must meet the following criteria

- Hold the British Casting Certificate qualification
- Be working in a casting/splinting room environment for the duration of the programme

#### **Responsibilities of the Preceptor**

- The preceptor agrees to carry out the supervised practice of the student for each of the designated casts/splints as arranged.
- The preceptor should not sign off on a cast/splint application if he / she is not satisfied that the application was competently completed. Competence in this situation means applying the cast/splint safely and correctly taking into account the injury / reason for cast/splint application / patient history / application procedure according to the practice protocol and the follow up care.

#### **Responsibilities of the Student**

- It is the student's responsibility to get the competency booklet completed appropriately.
- The student must approach their designated preceptor and agreed a time for the supervised practice.
- Before the student can undertake their OSCE, they must have completed the competency booklet. Each of the cast/splint applications once completed must be signed off and dated by the designated preceptor and the student. The student must return the competency booklet for verification by the programme co-ordinator 4 weeks before the date of the OSCE. If the booklet is verified, they can proceed to undertaking their OSCE.



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## Preceptor Preparation

Each nominated preceptor for successful applicants will be forwarded a preceptor pack which will include:

- A copy of the competency workbook
- A copy of the casting/splinting protocols for each of the casts/splints they will be supervising the application/removal off
- A document outlining their responsibilities a preceptor

Prior to commencement of the programme for which they are acting as preceptor, they will be invited to a 2 hr education session.

### Sample timetable:

30 Minutes	Overview of the programme / contents / timetable / completion of the clinical learning environment audit tool
30 Minutes	Competency booklet / casting/splinting protocols
30 Minutes	Responsibility of the preceptor / student
30 Minutes	Questions and Answer session

### Declaration:

I have read the information detailed above and agree to act as preceptor for the below student:

<b>Students Name:</b>	
<b>Name of Preceptor:</b>	
<b>Signature of Preceptor:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	

Please return this form to:  
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