

HEE South East Student Council Member

Role Descriptor

Student Council Members play an important role in ensuring that the student body is considered an integral part of the workforce by the system and by the workforce across the system. Hearing directly from current students about what it is like to train within that system, examples of best practice and suggestions for improvement will contribute not only to ongoing work to improve attrition rates but to foster a sense of belonging for students wider than their University.

You will work alongside students from other professions, staff from Health Education England, Universities and Providers within your Integrated Care System (ICS). You will also have the opportunity to contribute to regional projects and meetings.

Typical opportunities for Student Council Members will include:

Advocating for your profession

- Attending bi-monthly ICS Student Council meetings to discuss key issues for students and agree on methods for the Council to influence decision makers and projects within your ICS.
- Opportunity to represent your profession at quarterly South East regional Student Council meetings.
- Representing the Student Council at key stakeholder meetings across the ICS, based on the objectives and areas of focus set by the Student Council.

Acting as a key communicator

- Creating content for social media channels to share key messages from the Student Council, and seek views and feedback of the wider student population.
- Establish links with University Student Representatives to share and receive information.
- Establish links with Trade Union Student Representatives to share and receive information.
- Close the feedback loop with students who engage with you.
- Writing reflective blogs and opinion pieces.

Benefits

This is an opportunity for students to contribute to maintaining the pipeline for the future workforce. It is also a chance to develop your skills in:

- Leadership – an opportunity to hold a system level student leadership position for up to 12 months.
- Influence – have the ability to influence senior healthcare leaders.
- Confidence – improve your confidence in speaking with and to authority, and be heard.
- Change – the ability to understand and lead improvement.
- Impact - gain a deeper understanding of the impact of student voice on health and social care.

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Student Council Members are remunerated for their time, they are paid 7.5 hours per month at Band 4. Alternatively, Student Council Members may opt for 7.5 practice hours (agreed in advance with their University).

Student Council Members are automatically enrolled in a **3-day Florence Nightingale Foundation leadership programme**.

Student Council Members are supported via **one-to-one sessions** with a member of the Health Education England Workforce Transformation Team.

Student Council Members are supported to engage in **reverse mentoring** with Senior Leaders in their ICS.

Training

All Student Council Members will receive a **one day virtual induction** to the role on **Wednesday 20th October 2021**. This will include expectation setting, sharing hopes and fears, social media training and more. In addition to the induction day, the first ICS Student Council meetings will be designed to collaboratively set objectives for the Council with key stakeholders within the ICS.

How to apply

To apply for the role of Student Council Member, please visit the Florence Nightingale Foundation website. We welcome applications from Student Nurses, Trainee Nursing Associates, Student Midwives, and Student Allied Health Professionals from the following Universities:

- Bournemouth University
- Buckinghamshire New University
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Kingston & St George's, University of London
- Oxford Brookes University
- Solent University
- The Open University
- The University of West London
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Brighton
- University of Chichester
- University of Cumbria
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Winchester

Students from all stages of their course are welcome to apply, however if you are due to complete your course before the 12 month term of Council Member is complete you will be expected to step off of the Council at the point of course completion.

The next recruitment round will open in Spring 2022.

For queries regarding the Health Education England (South East) Student Councils Programme, please contact Jess Sainsbury: Jessica@florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk