Pre-registration EDS competencies and hours- FAQs

<u>GENERAL FAQs</u>

Q. *I forgot to get a signature from my PE on placement for hours/competencies that they agreed I had achieved. My placement has now finished – is there anything I can do about this?*

A. Signatures for EDS exposure hours and competencies attained on placement must be collected contemporaneously whilst on placement. They cannot be collected once a placement has finished.

<u>HOURS FAQs</u>

Q. *I have been asked by my Practice Educators to go and read about IDDSI which I will then discuss with them next week. I just wanted to ask whether the time I spend preparing for this can be considered exposure hours as well as the discussion that will take place with my Practice Educators?*

A. Self-directed learning/preparation that is part of/during a placement **and has been requested by the PE** counts towards EDS exposure hours, but should be attached to discussion/feedback with the PE during placement hours. Reading for general interest that has not been specifically requested by a PE, or that will not be discussed with a PE does not count. EDS exposure hours must be related to a specific placement/PE, or to the RCSLT eLearning carried out on campus.

So, for this question, yes, the preparation and discussion time would be combined to comprise EDS exposure hours.

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Q*. Can EDS competencies or hours signoffs be achieved on the QMU community placement?*

A. No. Signoffs must be related either to SLT-lead placements and signed off by a named SLT PE, or to specific Campus-based activities as outlined in the QMU EDS competencies handbook and signed off by a member of QMU SLT staff.

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Q. *What if a student or a PE makes a mistake when logging EDS exposure hours?*

A. It is possible to delete hours logged in error. Guidance for how to do this is available for students on the EDS Competencies Canvas module website.

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Q. *Whilst on placement, I discussed with my PE about going out with another SLT for a few hours to get some EDS hours. Does this count, and should it be my PE who signs or if it can be this other SLT who I will be going out with?*

A. If EDS exposure is part of a placement and agreed with the main PE, it certainly counts. Other SLTs providing EDS exposure to a student during a placement should liaise with the student's named PE about what was achieved, and then the PE can provide the relevant sign-offs.

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Q. *Is there a way to see a total of a student's accumulated EDS exposure hours on PebblePocket/PebblePad?*

A. Yes – on PebblePad, but not in PebblePocket. The 'Hours log and evidence' menu in PebblePad gives a dropdown menu – select 'Activity Log' to see a running tally of how many hours you have accrued.

Q. I spent some time on placement shadowing a Dietitian. Does this count towards my EDS exposure hours? Can the Dietitian sign them off?

A. Time spent shadowing a Dietitian counts as EDS exposure hours. EDS hours and competencies can only be signed off by SLTs – but as this activity will have been arranged by/agreed with your PE, they will be able to sign off the hours achieved.

Q. I'm just about to reach the EDS hours target. Should I continue to log EDS hours after I achieve this?

A. Continuing to log hours once the target has been achieved is optional. However, if you wish to apply for jobs that will involve dysphagia, being able to quote how much EDS exposure you have had on placement would look good in an application, so continuing to log hours would be helpful for this purpose.

COMPETENCIES FAQs

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Q. Do I have to submit additional evidence of competency achievement to PebblePad, such as a reflective piece?

A. Yes, you need to document on PebblePad the nature of how you evidenced your competency (e.g. discussion with PE; preparation of written work). The PE's signature is taken as overall evidence that the student has achieved the desired level of knowledge/competency. There is also the option of uploading evidence documents to PebblePad should you wish to do that for your own records.

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Q. Do PEs need to give 'developing' signatures?

A. No. In the 2025 RCSLT pre-registration EDS competencies update, the 'developing' section was removed from the competency documentation.

PEBBLEPAD/PEBBLEPOCKET FAQs

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Q. If I have logged something in error, can I delete it?

A. Yes! Log in to PebblePad, go to 'Assets' and find the form you want to delete. Click on the 'i' in a circle on the right-hand side and then choose 'delete' from the 'I want to...' menu.

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Q. Can a PE add a signature on the PebblePad website if the student doesn't have access to the PebblePocket app?

A. Yes! The student should log in to PebblePad, go to their Resources list and select what they would like to have signed off – either an EDS Competencies Record or Hours Log. Click on the resource and fill in the form. The PE can provide their details, and then sign using the computer mouse.

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