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PQ 20009/22 To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit facilitate internships by students engaged in full-time or part-time further and higher education courses; if so, the number of interns his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit accept annually; if any or all of these interns receive remuneration of any kind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

This response relates to Health & Social Care placements. Nursing placements are not included.

Practice placements are a core part of most professional training programmes to enter the Health and Social Care Professions. These placements take a variety of forms depending on the discipline and range from weekly to block placements in many professions to longer periods and sometimes trainee positions in others. It should be noted that the graduate numbers given are indicative. For many professions placements take place during each year of their course, this varies depending on the discipline.

Note: Data largely based on HEA 2020 figures.

Discipline	Estimated number of 2022 HSCP Graduates based on best available data	Details of Placements Paid
Audiology	12	Unpaid
Clinical Measurement Physiology (5 disciplines – Cardiac, Gastrointestinal, Neurophysiology, Respiratory and Vascular)	21	Unpaid
Dietetics	51	Unpaid
Medical Science	86	3 rd year medical science students are paid €961.08 (1/10/21) monthly while on placement.
Occupational Therapy	126	Unpaid
Physiotherapy	231	Unpaid



Podiatry	26	Unpaid
Clinical Psychology <i>NOTE: Doctorate in Clinical Psychology required for clinical psychology. There are changes to implementation dates of eligibility criteria for psychology</i>	59	Clinical psychology trainees are provided with a HSE 3 year contract of employment while completing their doctorate. Salary as follows (1/10/21): Year 1 €37,850 Year 2 €39,894 Year 3 €43,404
Radiography	77	Unpaid
Radiation Therapy	28	Unpaid
Social Care Work	1,089	Unpaid
Social Work	180	Unpaid
Speech and Language Therapy	119	Unpaid
Total	2,105	

Yours sincerely,

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