

Higher Specialist Scientific (HSS) Training



My journey so far...

Graham Henderson – Lead Clinical Scientist





My career before HSS training

- Undergraduate Honours degree in Mechanical Design Engineering.
- Scottish Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering Training scheme.
- MSc in Bioengineering.
- Completed the training scheme at the SMART Centre and worked as a qualified Clinical Scientist in gait analysis and environmental controls.
- Moved to Newcastle to take up a role as a Lead Clinical Scientist working in Custom Design Service and Gait Analysis Service.
- Started HSST.











Why HSS training?

- Two main reasons:
 - To develop Leadership and Management skills
 - To continue working on research themes





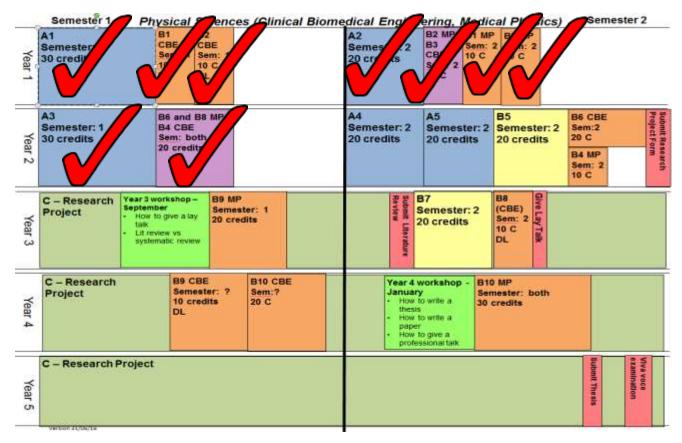
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HSS progress up to February 2020







Obstacles...



- Moved from Newcastle back to Edinburgh.
- Global Pandemic.
- Working on stock control for a face visor manufacturing unit.

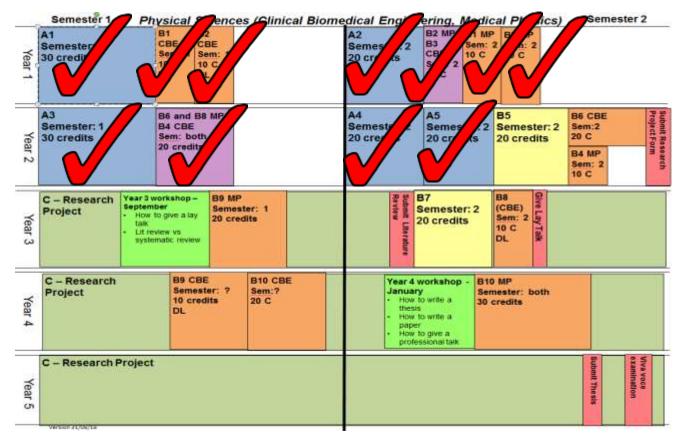








HSS progress up to September 2020







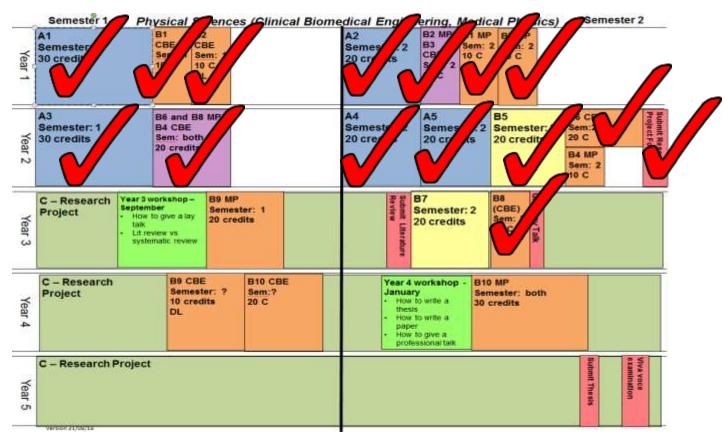
NES HSS training support



- In Autumn 2020 I was successful in obtaining support from NES to complete my programme.
- My application form explained how I would meet the 3 pillars both via the DClinSci and through on the job training.



HSS progress to date







HSS research project

- To investigate the effectiveness of existing environmental control systems. Exploring whether these devices are meeting peoples' needs and having a positive impact on their lives.
- To investigate the potential of using smart glasses for interacting with assistive technology.







HSS training plan

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Year 2	Research project (no cost)	NHS Lothian	Sep 2021	August 2022	12 months	Michael Dolan and academic supervisor TBC	Michael.dolan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk and academic supervisor TBC
Year 2	Review and implementation of new biomechanical models (no cost)	NHS Lothian	March 2022	August 2022	6 months	Michael Dolan	Michael.dolan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Year 2	Review of public engagement within the department (no cost)	NHS Lothian	March 2022	April 2022	2 months	Michael Dolan	Michael.dolan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Year 3 (2022- 2023)	Continuation of academic component of HSST scheme (£6,300)	NHS Lothian	Sep 2022	August 2023	12 months	Michael Dolan	Michael.dolan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Year 3	Research project (no cost)	NHS Lothian	Sep 2022	August 2023	12 months	Michael Dolan and academic supervisor TBC	Michael.dolan@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk and academic supervisor TBC





Future plans

- Recently taken up a more senior position within the SMART centre and I want to further develop in this role by utilising the leadership and management skills that I have gained.
- I would like to use my research project as a vehicle to develop academic links with Universities and to look at applying for grants to undertake more research.
- Continue implementing new technologies within the services that I lead and to work with colleagues to develop new services within the assistive technology field.





Reflections on HSS training

- Important to emphasise the amount of work undertaken in your own time.
- Need to have a supportive department and scope to use projects that you are already working to form the basis of your assignments.
- Some of the modules could be more focused on clinical engineering.
- Ultimately worthwhile and the skills and knowledge you learn and can have a real impact on the services that you work in.



