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## - Confirmed Numbers

Below are the healthcare education and training commissioning numbers agreed by Welsh Government for 2026 - 2027.

Post Graduate Medical Education	2026 - 2027	2026-2027 WG Confirmed
Foundation Training	Intake maintained at 450	450 (intake)
Secondary Care/Specialty Training	Intake maintained; no increase in speciality posts	2060 (total)
General Practice	Intake maintained at 160	160 (intake)

Nursing	2026-2027 WG Confirmed
Adult Nursing	1237
Child Field Nursing	138
Mental Health Nursing	320
Learning Disability Nursing	59
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>1754</b>
Return to Practice	21
Level 4 Education for HCSW's to access Year 2 of Nurse Training	300

<b>Midwifery</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Midwifery	144

<b>Allied Health Professions</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Human Nutrition & Dietetics	51
Occupational Therapy	129
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology	44
Clinical Associates in Applied Psychology (CAAPs)	0
Paramedicine & EMT Conversion	60
Physiotherapy	134
Podiatry	21
Speech & Language Therapy	38

<b>Healthcare Science</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Operating Department Practice	41
Clinical Scientist Training Programme	42
Higher Specialist Training	9

Equivalence Routes to Registration Funding	£0.1m
PTP Cardiac Physiology	18
PTP Audiology	7
PTP Audiology (Part time)	8
HE Certificate Audiological practice	11
PTP Respiratory & sleep science	3
PTP Neurophysiology	2
PTP Nuclear Medicine	1
PTP Pathology/Biomedical Science	20
PTP Pathology/Biomedical Science (Part time)	17
PTP Pathology/Biomedical Science (Modules)	18
PTP Clinical Engineering	3
PTP Clinical Engineering (Part time)	8
Radiotherapy Physics	1
PTP Diagnostic Radiography	104
HE Certificate Radiography Assistant Practitioner	10
PTP Radiotherapy and Oncology	18

<b>Medical Associate Professions</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Physician Associates	0

<b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Pharmacy Support Staff 'Access to Pharmacy'	70 Level 2 units
Pre-registration Pharmacy Technicians	80 (Split 50 NHS employed and 30 CP)
Funded Pharmacy UG Placements	11,895 days 970 students
Trainee Pharmacists	132
HEIW Post-registration Foundation Programme	70
Independent Prescribing (Multi Professional)	200
Novice Independent Prescribing Practice	0
Enhanced, Advanced and Consultant Level Practice	£852.5k
Post Reg Pharmacy Technicians (Agored Level 4)	50 Units

<b>Dental</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Dental Foundation Training	74
Dental Core Training Year 1	28
Dental Core Training Year 2	32
Dental Core Training Year 3	8
Dental Specialty Training	38
Welsh Dental Therapist Foundation Training	16
Diploma HE Dental Hygiene	24
BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy (3yr)	19
BSc Dental Therapy (1yr) NEW 2025	12

<b>Optometry</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Independent Prescribing (Optometrists)	24
Higher Certificate in Medical Retina (level 7)	7
Professional Certificate Medical Retina (level 7)	14
Higher Certificate in Glaucoma (level 7)	14
Professional Certificate in Glaucoma (level 7)	14
Low Vision Certificate	22

<b>Primary and Community Care</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Primary Care Academies	£1.646m
General Practice Nursing (GPN) Foundation Programme	20
Adult Nursing Placements in Primary Care	100
Integrated Care GP Fellowship (New)	6

<b>Community Nursing</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
SCPHN School Nursing (Part-time)	27
SCPHN School Nursing (Full-time)	15
SCPHN Health Visiting (Modules)	28
SCPHN Health Visiting (Full-time)	90
SCPHN Health Visiting (Part-time)	28
SCPHN Occupational Health (Part time) NEW 2025	5
SPQ General Practice Nursing Modules	36
SPQ General Practice Nursing (Part-time)	19
SPQ District Nursing Modules	75
SPQ District Nursing (Part-time)	74
SPQ Community Children's Nursing Modules	15

SPQ Community Children's Nursing (Part-time)	11
SPQ Community Learning Disability Nursing (CLDN) (Modules)	9
SPQ Community Learning Disability Nursing (CLDN) (Part-time)	6
SPQ Community Mental Health Nursing (Part-time)	8
SPQ Community Mental Health Nursing (Modules)	7

<b>Post-registration Health Professional Education</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Enhanced/Advanced/ Consultant Practice Education	£1.75m
Independent Authorisation of Blood Transfusion (IABT)	12
Independent Prescribing (Nursing & AHP only)	195
Community Nurse Prescribers (V150)	40
Genomic Medicine Modules	80
PG Certificate Critical Care	81
Post Graduate Certificate in Ultrasound (New)	2
Post Graduate Diploma in Ultrasound (New)	10
Level 7 Clinical Photography Diploma	9

<b>Work-based Learning</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Work Based Learning	£1.75m
<b>Medical Education and Training Infrastructure</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Wales Asylum Seeking and Refugee Doctors and Dentists	£0.100m
<b>Multi-professional/ Community and Primary Care placement support</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Community and Primary Care Practice Education Facilitators (PEF)	0
Diagnostic Radiography Practice Education Facilitator (PEF)	0
Multi-Professional Practice Education Facilitator (PEF)	0
<b>Additional Primary and Community Care Education and Training</b>	<b>2026-2027 WG Confirmed</b>
Multi-Professional Primary & Community Care E&T Unit	£799K