

**Making the most
of your placement.**

**Your clinical
placement is a vital
part of your course.**

**Check out UNISON's
top tips to ensure that
you get a high quality
and valuable
placement.**

▶ Know where your placement is in advance and ask for an induction when you get there.

▶ Make sure you are adequately supervised on your placement and, don't forget, you are an extra pair of hands, and shouldn't be included in the staffing numbers*.

▶ Ask for time with your practice supervisor to get constructive feedback, debrief and practice reflective feedback.

▶ Make sure you know how to access additional support if needed.

▶ Find out who your local UNISON rep is because they are there for you if you need them.

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* Nurses, and midwives should not be counted as part of the staffing required for safe and effective care in that setting. For AHPs learning has to take place in a setting that is 'safe and supportive for learners and service users'.

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