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**Carrying out a Distant placement in Northern Ireland: Information for Undergraduates**

As part of your degree, if you have a home address in Northern Ireland, then you are **eligible to apply** to carry out your final year **Extending placement** as a distant placement in Northern Ireland.

**Key points to note are:**

* **Undertaking a distant placement in NI is not guaranteed.** Permission is given by your programme at the time and is dependent on your course progress and trajectory.
* **This optional placement is** **not supported financially** by the University of Cumbria and you are therefore responsible for your own travel and accommodation costs. Our travel policy for distant placement can be found at this [link](https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/partnerships/placements/education/placement-travel-accommodation-policy/distant-placements/).
* **You are expected to seek and secure your own placement from a list of approved schools. The placement needs to be in the key stage that you have not undertaken an assessed placement in, prior to your extending placement.**

**If you are on the three-year degree then you also need to be aware that:**

* You need to complete both the 10-day orientation placement and the 50-day extending placement in Northern Ireland. Your programme may also need you to return to campus for a brief period upon completion of the extending placement.
* You have already carried out your Foundation Stage assessed placement before your final year, as **students are unable to complete placements in Nursery / Reception (known as Primary 1 in NI) settings in Northern Ireland. Please make your Personal Tutor and University Partnership tutors aware that this is the case.**

**What happens next?**

During the final term of your 2nd Year (of a 3-year degree) or 3rd Year (of a 4-year degree) you will receive an email inviting you to express your interest through an online form.

You will then be given access to a list of approved schools for you to use, to identify and make contact with suitable schools for your location. **Once you have secured a placement, you will need to inform the education placement unit and provide them with the details for your placement to be recorded on In Place.**

Final approval for the placement will then be sought from your course programme.

If you have any further queries about the process, then you can email Education Placements at [educationplacements@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:educationplacements@cumbria.ac.uk)