Hi guys, so it’s just Hamish here again with your next blog.

I’m here to talk to you about the requirements you have to fulfil before you can go on placement. So as an OT (Occupational Therapist) half way through my 3rd year we’re about to go on our 1st placement, and in order to be eligible to do that we’ve got to meet certain requirements.

So things such as making sure we have all the correct immunisations, just as a matter of ‘freeing’ ourselves from a lot of the risk that is associated with that.

Other things such as making sure we’ve had contact with our placement supervisors so that we know what kinds of tasks we might be partaking in over the course of our time on the placement.

It’s also things such as knowing what uniform might be appropriate or not.

So in some settings, you’re expected to be... wear a more sort of formal type of dress...dress wear, and so some might ask us to wear our OT tops which I have here.

We’re noticeable because of the navy, the navy top but we’ve also got a white trim around the edges of ours. We are also expected to wear our name badges, as you can see there.

So that’s just a few of the things that we have to do, along with that we have to do a Police Check, a Working With Children’s Check to make sure that we haven’t got any past history, that will negatively affect our placement.

And also we have to go through university telling them that we will try and fulfil all of these requirements within the time that they designate.

So you’ve kind of got to get it done a couple of months in advance so that you’re accepted for the placement, but that’s just a few of the things that I’ve had to do over the last couple of months and I’ve got placement coming up this week so really looking forward to it.

But, ‘til next time, see you then.