



Please find below a description of the sessions that comprise the Training Programme. These need to be taken in the set order – but you may choose to start the sessions now and finish them at a later date, if necessary. However, if possible, you should try to complete all sessions in a relatively short period of time in order to gain maximum benefit from the training.

Programme overview		
Session 1	PBL: Why and How?	In this session, you will learn a little of the theory behind PBL; but in the main, the session will be a practical look at the PBL Process (The Glasgow Steps) and the roles of the Facilitator, Chair, Scribe and Group members. In keeping with best PBL tradition, you will engage in some small-group activities!!
Sessions 2a & 2b	PBL Observation	By prior arrangement, you will 'sit in' with an experienced PBL Facilitator and his/her group, for 2 x 1-hour sessions (the two halves of a single PBL scenario). This is your opportunity to observe PBL in practice. If you and the Facilitator have time, you might like to take the opportunity to talk with him/her about facilitating; and you may have an opportunity to ask the students about their experience of PBL. <u>Note that the final timing of this session cannot be confirmed until shortly before it will take place, since facilitator/group composition changes and we always need to ensure facilitators and groups have met and agree to being observed.</u>
Session 3	Review Session	In this session, you will share your experiences as observers of PBL and identify issues for clarification/discussion. It is anticipated that the main focus will be on group dynamics and facilitator styles. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Sessions 1 and 3 are arranged for small groups of staff; it may be necessary to limit the number attending any session or to postpone a session if there too few registered to form a group.

Please note that since we can only accommodate a limited number of trainees in Session 2a/b (PBL observation), this restricts the number of places we can offer in any run of the training programme. Those eligible include academic staff, clinical staff and postdoctoral fellows employed by the College of MVLS or the NHS at the time training takes place; or current PGR students (Year 2 or beyond) in the College of MVLS. Exceptionally, if places are available, recent postdoctoral fellows or research students may be able to attend. Line managers/supervisors must support attendance and subsequent facilitation of a minimum of 1 PBL group for 1 block (4-6 consecutive weeks).

Sessions will generally take place in the Wolfson Medical School Building, with Sessions 1 and 3 in the College Conference Room on Level 3; and Sessions 2a & b in the Teaching Rooms on the same floor.