

BCCSU Drug Checking Trainee Shadowing Guide Checklist

Stage 1: Over the Shoulder

By the end of this stage, the trainee should:

- know the site safety and emergency procedures
- know how to handle samples
- know how to unpack the supply kits properly
- begin to gain an understanding of how to interact with service users
- begin to gain an understanding of how to communicate the results back to service users*

**this can look slightly different for each trainee depending on the trainee's learning style/pace*

Stage 2: Co-Pilot

By the end of this stage, the trainee should:

- know how to collect sample information from service users
- know how to explain the limitations of drug checking
- know how to perform drug checking using test strips
- know how to load samples onto the FTIR, unload and clean the FTIR
- understand the importance of entering drug checking results into the database

Stage 3: Backseat Driver

By the end of this stage, the trainee should:

- know how to operate the FTIR instrument
- know the drug checking overflow
- know how to analyze samples using the OPUS software
- know how to enter the point-of-care drug checking results into the database
- know how to communicate findings back to service users, including the provision of relevant harm reduction information

Stage 4: Flying Solo

By the end of this stage, the trainee should know how to independently:

- interact with service users to collect samples for analysis
- load and unload samples from the FTIR properly
- perform drug checking using the FTIR spectrometer and the test strips

- properly clean the FTIR machine after every test
- conduct samples analyses on the OPUS software
- enter point-of-care drug checking results into the database
- communicate findings back to the service users