

Histopathology CESR applications

The 2021 Histopathology curriculum was approved by the GMC in July 2021.

The 2015 Histopathology curriculum currently applies to trainees with an NTN in a GMC-approved UK training programme working towards the award of the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

The 2021 Histopathology curriculum will be implemented for new CCT trainees starting from 2 August 2021. All existing trainees who are required to transfer will do so by 31 July 2022.

It has been agreed with the GMC that CESR applicants have the option to have their application assessed against either the 2021 curriculum or the 2015 curriculum until the **31 August 2022**.

The 2021 Histopathology curriculum will be assessed by High-Level Outcomes, which are included in the form of Capabilities in Practice (CiPs), CiPs describe the professional tasks or work within the scope of postgraduate pathology training; they are based on the format of entrustable professional activities, which are a method of using the professional judgement of appropriately trained assessors as a key aspect of the validity of assessment and a defensible way of forming global judgements of professional performance.

The seven generic and four specialty capabilities in practice are as follows:

1. Able to function effectively within healthcare and other organisational and management systems to deliver consistent high-quality patient care.
2. Able to work within ethical and legal frameworks across all aspects of clinical practice.
3. Communicates effectively and is able to share decision making, while maintaining appropriate situational awareness, professional behaviour and professional judgement.
4. Maintains patient safety at the forefront of clinical working. Can utilise quality improvement activity realistically within the constraints of the role.
5. Able to contribute to and support research.
6. Behaves as an educator in the context of the role and promotes educational culture.
7. Able to self-appraise, learn and adapt.

Specialty CiPs

8. Able to demonstrate leadership and management within the laboratory setting for the benefit of patient care.
9. Able to use laboratory and other services effectively in the investigation, diagnosis, and management of patients, relatives, and the deceased.
10. Able to manage and contribute to a multidisciplinary team effectively.
11. Able to take, manage and interpret pathological specimens accurately and safely, mindful of risks to self and others.

Trainees are eligible for entry to a histopathology training programme following satisfactory completion of a UK foundation training programme or equivalent.

Trainees in the four Cellular Pathology specialties will initially enter a period of Integrated Cellular Pathology Training (ICPT), which is 2.5 years of training.

After two years of ICPT, trainees will either decide to continue in Histopathology specialty training (and declare whether they wish to undertake Higher Autopsy Training pre-CCT) or apply for training in one of the three other Cellular Pathology Specialties. This higher specialty training commences from 2.5 years and is anticipated to require in the range of 2.5-3.5 years of additional training.

If you want to submit your CESR application against the 2021 curriculum, it is recommended that you contact the Training Department at training@rcpath.org for further advice before you submit your application.

Applications submitted to the GMC after curriculum implementation for CCT trainees (31 August 2022) will be assessed only against the 2021 Histopathology CCT curriculum.

Please note that if you wish to use the Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT) system, you will only be able to use the new LEPT platform from August 2022.

If you have any other queries about your CESR application, please contact the Training Department at: training@rcpath.org