

HISTOPATHOLOGY - ST1

ENTRY CRITERIA

| ESSENTIAL CRITERIA | WHEN EVALUATED ⁱ |
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| Qualifications | |
| Applicants must have: | |
| MBBS or equivalent medical qualification | Application form |
| Eligibility | |
| Applicants must: | |
| Be eligible for full registration with, and hold a current licence to practiseⁱⁱ from, the GMC at intended start dateⁱⁱⁱ | Application form |
| Have evidence of either: | Application form, interview/selection |
| current employment in a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme | centre ^{iv} |
| or: | |
| 12 months' experience after full GMC registration or equivalent, and evidence of achievement of foundation competences in the three years preceding the intended start date from a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme or equivalent, in line with GMC standards / Good Medical Practice; including: | Application form, interview/selection centre |
| make the care or your patient your first concern provide a good standard of practice and care take prompt action if you think that patient safety, dignity or comfort is being compromised protect and promote the health of patients and of the public treat patients as individuals and respect their dignity work in partnership with patients work with colleagues in the ways that best serve patients' interests be honest and open and act with integrity never discriminate unfairly against patients or colleagues never abuse your patients' trust in you or the public's trust in the profession. | |
| Be eligible to work in the UK | Application form |
| Fitness to practise | |
| Is up to date and fit to practise safely and is aware of own training needs. | Application form, references |
| Language skills | |
| Applicants must have demonstrable skills in written and spoken English, adequate to enable effective communication about medical topics with patients and colleagues; as demonstrated by one of the following: | Application form, interview/selection |
| undergraduate medical training undertaken in English; | centre |
| or academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results showing a score of at least 7.0 in each domain (speaking, listening, reading, writing), with an overall score of at least 7.5, to be achieved in a single sitting and within 24 months of the time of application | |
| If applicants believe they have adequate communication skills, but do not have evidence in one of the above forms, they must provide alternative supporting evidence ^v of language skills | |
| Health | Application form, |
| Applicants must meet professional health requirements (in line with GMC standards / Good Medical Practice). | pre-employment health screening |



| Career progression | | |
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| Applicants must: | | |
| Be able to provide complete details of their employment history | Application form | |
| Have evidence that their career progression is consistent with their personal circumstances | Interview/selection | |
| Have evidence that their present level of achievement and performance is commensurate with the totality of their period of training | centre | |
| Not previously resigned, been removed from, or relinquished a post or programme with resultant failure to gain the award of a FACD5.2, except under extraordinary circumstances and on the production of evidence of satisfactory outcome from appropriate remediation^{vi}. | | |
| Not already hold, nor be eligible to hold, a CCT/CESR in the specialty they are applying for and/or must not currently be eligible for the specialist register for the specialty to which they are applying | | |
| Not have previously relinquished or been released / removed from a histopathology training programme, except under exceptional circumstances^{vii} | | |
| Application completion | | |
| ALL sections of application form completed FULLY according to written guidelines. | Application form | |

SELECTION CRITERIA

| ESSENTIAL CRITERIA | DESIRABLE CRITERIA | WHEN EVALUATED | |
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| Qualifi | | | |
| As above | Additional related qualifications, e.g. intercalated degree, BSc, BA, BMedSci or equivalent | Application form, interview/selection centre' References | |
| Clinical skills – clinical | Clinical skills – clinical knowledge & expertise | | |
| Ability to apply sound clinical knowledge and judgement to problems | | Application form, interview/selection | |
| Ability to prioritise clinical need | | centre, References | |
| Ability to maximise safety and minimise risk | | | |
| Demonstrates awareness of autopsy practice | | | |
| Academ | nic skills | | |
| Research and audit skills: | Research and audit skills: | Application form | |
| Demonstrates understanding of research, including awareness of ethical issues Demonstrates understanding of the basic | Evidence of relevant academic and research achievements, e.g. degrees, prizes, awards, distinctions, publications, presentations, other achievements | Interview/selection centre | |
| principles of audit, clinical risk management, evidence-based practice, patient safety, and clinical quality improvement initiatives | Evidence of involvement in an audit project, a quality improvement project, formal research project or other activity which: | | |
| Demonstrates knowledge of evidence-informed practice | focuses on patient safety and clinical improvement | | |
| | demonstrates an interest in and commitment to the specialty beyond the mandatory curriculum | | |
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PERSON SPECIFICATION 2015



| | | Teaching: |
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| | | Evidence of interest in, and experience of, |
| | | teaching |
| | | Evidence of feedback for teaching |
| | Person | nal skills |
| Con | nmunication skills: | Management and leadership skills: Application form |
| • | Demonstrates clarity in written/spoken communication, and capacity to adapt language | Evidence of involvement in management commensurate with experience |
| • | to the situation, as appropriate Able to build rapport, listen, persuade and | Demonstrates an understanding of NHS References management and resources |
| | negotiate. | Evidence of effective multi-disciplinary team |
| Pro | oblem solving and decision making: | working and leadership, supported by multi- source feedback or other workplace-based |
| • | Capacity to use logical/lateral thinking to solve problems/make decisions, indicating an | assessments |
| Fm | analytical/scientific approach. | Evidence of effective leadership in and outside medicine. |
| • | Capacity to take in others' perspectives and treat | IT skills: |
| - | others with understanding; sees patients as | Demonstrates information technology skills. |
| | people | Other: |
| • | Demonstrates respect for all. | Evidence of achievement outside medicine |
| Ма | naging others and team involvement: | Evidence of altruistic behaviour, eg voluntary work |
| • | Able to work in multi-professional teams and supervise junior medical staff | Evidence of organisational skills – not necessarily in medicine, e.g. grant or bursary applications, |
| • | Ability to show leadership, make decisions, organise and motivate other team members; for the benefit of patients through, for example, audit and quality improvement projects | organisation of a university club, sports section, etc. |
| • | Capacity to work effectively with others. | |
| Org | ganisation and planning: | |
| • | Capacity to manage/prioritise time and information effectively | |
| • | Capacity to prioritise own workload and organise ward rounds | |
| • | Evidence of thoroughness (is well-prepared, shows self-discipline/commitment, is punctual and meets deadlines.) | |
| Vig | ilance and situational awareness: | |
| • | Capacity to monitor developing situations and anticipate issues. | |
| Co | ping with pressure and managing uncertainty: | |
| • | Capacity to operate under pressure | |
| • | Demonstrates initiative and resilience to cope with changing circumstances | |
| • | Is able to deliver good clinical care in the face of uncertainty | |
| Va | lues: | |
| • | Understands, respects and demonstrates the values of the NHS Constitution ^{viii} (e.g. everyone counts; improving lives; commitment to quality of care; respect and dignity; working together for patients; compassion) | |

PERSON SPECIFICATION 2015



| | Probity – professional integrity | | | | |
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| • | Demonstrates probity (displays honesty, integrity, aware of ethical dilemmas, respects confidentiality) | | Application form, interview/selection centre, references | | |
| • | Capacity to take responsibility for own actions. | | | | |
| | Commitment to specialty – learning and personal development | | | | |
| • | Shows initiative/drive/enthusiasm (self-starter, motivated, shows curiosity, initiative) Demonstrable interest in, and understanding of, the specialty | Other activities/achievements/scientific meetings relevant to pathology Attendance at pathological courses Evidence of participation in audit r research projects with specific relevance to pathology | Application form Interview/selection centre References | | |
| • | Commitment to personal and professional development | | | | |
| • | Evidence of attendance at organised teaching and training programme(s) | | | | |
| • | Evidence of self-reflective practice. | | | | |

ⁱ 'When evaluated' is indicative, but may be carried out at any time throughout the selection process.

ⁱⁱⁱ 'Intended start date' refers to the date at which the post commences, not (necessarily) the time an offer is accepted. For 2015 ST1 posts this will normally be **5 August 2015**, unless a different start date is specifically indicated in advance by the employing trust/LETB.

^{iv} 'Selection centre' refers to a process, not a place. It involves a number of selection activities which may be delivered within the unit of application.

^v Applicants are advised to visit the GMC website which gives details of evidence accepted for registration

^{vi} Failure to satisfactorily complete an F2 programme once started should normally be addressed by returning to complete it. Extraordinary circumstances may be defined as a demonstrated change in circumstances which can be shown to impact on the ability to train at that time and may include severe personal illness or family caring responsibility incompatible with continuing to train as a F2 doctor, either through sickness absence, as a LTFT trainee or in a period out of programme.

^{vii} Applications will only be considered if applicants provide a Support for Reapplication to a Specialty Training Programme form, signed by both the Training Programme Director/Head of School and the Postgraduate Dean in the LETB/Deanery that the training took place. Extraordinary circumstances may be defined as a demonstrated change in circumstances, which can be shown on the ability to train at that time and may include severe personal illness or family caring responsibility incompatible with continuing to train. Completed forms must be submitted at the time of application. No other evidence will be accepted

viii The NHS Constitution - the NHS belongs to us all 26 March, 2013

http://www.nhs.uk/choiceintheNHS/Rightsandpledges/NHSConstitution/Documents/2013/the-nhs-constitution-for-england-2013.pdf, accessed August 13, 2014

ⁱⁱ The GMC introduced the licence to practise in 2009. Any doctor wishing to practise in the UK after this date must be both registered with and hold a licence to practise from the GMC at time of appointment.