

## Principles for the demand assessment and commissioning of Multi-professional Advanced Clinical Practice in the North of England (2019-2020)

HEE North are working to support consistency through the principles detailed in the Multi professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England detailed below.

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20ACP%20Framework.pdf>

### Key principles

HEE North will support commissioning of advanced clinical practice education and workforce development which is consistent with the national definition of ACP as given below;

1. Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP) is delivered by experienced, registered health care practitioners. It is a level of practice characterised by a high degree of autonomy and complex decision making. This is underpinned by a master's level award or equivalent that encompasses the four pillars of clinical practice, leadership and management, education and research, with demonstration of core capabilities and area specific clinical competence.

Advanced clinical practice embodies the ability to manage clinical care in partnership with individuals, families and carers. It includes the analysis and synthesis of complex problems across a range of settings, enabling innovative solutions to enhance people's experience and improve outcomes.

2. All health and care professionals designated to be working at the level of ACP should ensure that their knowledge and skills meet the standards outlined within the Framework. The four pillars that underpin practice are:
  - a. Clinical Practice
  - b. Leadership and Management
  - c. Education
  - d. Research

The detail of the capabilities required under each pillar are detailed within the Framework.

3. To ensure the effective support, development and utilisation of ACPs, health and care organisations with existing, and requesting support for, new ACPs development must adhere to the key principles of implementation as described and set out in the framework which includes;
  - a. Workforce planning and governance
  - b. Accountability
  - c. Education and development.
4. Health and care providers will be expected to demonstrate how they align and will ensure adherence to the framework if any applications for available funding for ACP workforce development are to be considered and potentially supported.
5. HEE North will require a single lead contact for each provider to sign off applications from service areas and to act as a key liaison for all enquiries relating to ACPs. This is to ensure there has been appropriate scrutiny, effective ACP workforce planning and alignment with provider service priorities, and or workforce development needs.

6. Specialist ACP roles including Advanced Neonatal Practitioners, Advanced Paediatric Practitioners, and Advanced Critical Care Practitioner pathways are available at a more limited number of Higher Education Institutions (HEI's) Applications must be linked to the HEI courses available listed in Appendix 2.
7. An ACP apprenticeship pathway is now available at some HEIs across the North, again listed in Appendix 2. HEE North will support ACPs through this route with access to a training grant at the same overall value as the fees funded route. For example, a training grant of 9K per year for a 2-year course, would be equivalent 6K per year for a 3-year apprenticeship. Where the training grant is 18K per year for a 2-year course this would be an equivalent of 12K per year for a 3-year course.
8. We would encourage ACP Leads to consider apprenticeships as their primary option, to enable support to be provided for an increased number of applicants.
9. Alongside the current apprenticeship and fees paid procurement being run nationally there will be a parallel process for the fees paid route in the North for specialist pathways. Higher Education providers will be expected to be on this framework to be able to be commissioned. The procurement framework will ensure quality provision is ensured in a cost-effective manner.
10. To further support applications from Primary Care an increased training grant will be made available of 18K per year of study across the North of England, for both fees paid and apprenticeship routes. This is a substantial increase for both the North East and Yorkshire and Humber.
11. Where an apprenticeship ACP Pathway is used HEE will also fund the non-levy payer's contribution to the tuition costs. It is accepted there are limited non-levy payer HEI deliverers and HEE will work to increase this option in 19/20.
12. HEE North will fund a modular offer, through the procurement framework, for staff that have existing academic and workplace capabilities and that can be further supported to achieve full ACP requirements. It is expected that collaborations of stakeholders at an STP level will develop agreed routes for the assessment of competence and capabilities to develop future ACPs. In line with national plans.
13. It is expected that all Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) is included as a core module on all ACPs programmes where individuals do not already hold this qualification or where their profession are unable to undertake prescribing e.g. AHPs. HEE will not fund NMP separately for those on an ACP Pathway.
14. HEE North will seek to optimise cost effectiveness through a flexible approach that recognises that specialist modules (which might include patient pathway specific modules) may not be available or delivered locally or regionally (North of England), for particularly required speciality specific competencies due to the low number of learners. HEE will ensure mechanisms are in place to fund required learning out of region, where this is needed, to help address local workforce priorities.
15. HEE North will ensure that the use and allocation of any ACP commissions (sponsored by HEE) are directly informed by local service and workforce priorities as indicated by local STP plans and requirements. HEE's local STP Facing Teams will support the STP structures in identifying priorities, assessing demand and recommending best distribution of any allocated places across the footprint to address any current gaps and maximise service impact. Appendix 1 identifies the flow process that will be used to guide ACP demand and commissioning.

16. These principles will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure alignment with HEE's mandate and commissioning function, providing best fit in responding to local workforce priorities and stimulating effective and impactful ACP workforce development and capacity.

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**Appendix 1**

KEY:	
	Health Education England (HEE) Responsibility
	Organisation Responsibility
	Higher Institution Responsibility (HEIs)



**Appendix 2**
**Apprenticeship Pathways – North West**

**NB:** All pathways are subject to ACP framework tender agreement.

\* Subject to validation

Table 1

Higher Education Institution	Course	Start Date	Apprenticeship Duration (Months)
Liverpool John Moores University	*MSc Advanced Health Care Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
Manchester Metropolitan University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	18/09/2019	24 months
Manchester Metropolitan University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	08/01/2020	36 months
University of Chester	MSc Advanced Practice-Clinical Pathway	26/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Cumbria	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Distance Learning)	01/09/2019 & 01/03/2020	To be confirmed - proposed at 36

University of Liverpool	MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner	03/02/2020	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Bolton	*MSc in Advanced Practice (Apprenticeship Validation underway for September 2019)	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 24
University of Manchester	* Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (Intensive Care)	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Manchester	* Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Cancer)	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Salford	MSc Multi-professional generic pathway	19/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 28
University of Salford	Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (Intensive Care)	19/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 28
UCLAN	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 27

### Fees Funded Pathways – North West

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Table 2

Higher Education Institution	Course	Start Date	Course Duration (Months)
Edge Hill University	MSc Advanced Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/02/2020	36
Manchester Metropolitan University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/01/2020	36
Liverpool John Moores University	MSc Advanced Health Care Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/02/2020	24

Liverpool John Moores University	MSc Advanced Paediatric and Neonatal Practice (Ambulatory Pathway)	01/09/2019	24
Liverpool John Moores University	MSc Advanced Paediatric and Neonatal Practice (Acute Paediatric Pathway)	01/09/2019	24
Liverpool John Moores University	MSc Advanced Paediatric and Neonatal Practice (Neonatal Pathway)	01/09/2019	24
University of Bolton	MSc in Advanced Practice	23/09/2019	24
University of Chester	MSc Advanced Practice-Clinical Pathway	26/09/2019	24
University of Cumbria	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Distance Learning)	01/09/2019 & 01/03/2020	36
University of Liverpool	MSc Advanced Practice in Healthcare	16/09/2019	36
University of Manchester	Advanced Paediatrics Practitioner	01/09/2019	36
University of Manchester	Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Cancer)	01/09/2019	36
University of Salford	ANNP (Neonate)	19/09/2019	12
University of Salford	MSc Multi-professional generic pathway	19/09/2019	24



University of Salford	Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (Intensive Care)	19/09/2019	24
UCLAN	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/09/2019	27

### Apprenticeship and Fees Funded Pathways – North East

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**\*Apprenticeship duration proposed 36 months to be confirmed.**

**\*\* Fees funded duration 36 months.**

Table 3

Higher Education Institution	Course	Start Date
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Emergency Care)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020

Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Cancer Care)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Palliative Care)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Primary Care)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Learning Disability)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Northumbria University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health)	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/01/2020
Sunderland University	MSc. Advanced Clinical Practice	To be confirmed – proposed start date 01/09/2019
Teesside University	Advanced Clinical Practitioner	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020
Teesside University	Advanced Critical Care Practitioner	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020

**Apprenticeship Pathways – Yorkshire & Humberside**

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Table 4

Higher Education Institution	Course	Start Date	Apprenticeship Duration (Months)
University of Bradford	*MSc Advanced Practice (Clinical Practitioner) 24.09.19	24/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 24-36

University of Bradford	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting) MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting)	24/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 24-36
University of Bradford	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting) MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting)	21/01/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 24-36
University of Leeds	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Leeds	*MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/01/2020	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Leeds	*MSc Advanced Critical Care Practice	01/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of Leeds	*MSc Advanced Critical Care Practice	01/01/2020	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
Sheffield Hallam University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	16/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36
University of York	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice - Multi Professional	31/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36

Leeds Beckett University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	23/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 30
University of Huddersfield	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	25/09/2019	To be confirmed - proposed at 36

**Fees Funded Pathways – Yorkshire & Humberside**

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Table 5

Higher Education Institution	Course	Start Date	Course Duration (Months)
University of Bradford	MSc Advanced Practice (Clinical Practitioner)	24/09/2019	24-36

University of Bradford	MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting) MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting)	24/09/2019	24-36
University of Bradford	MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting) MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Radiographic Reporting)	21/01/2020	24-36
University of Bradford	MSc Advanced Practice (Critical Care)	24/09/2019	24-36
University of Bradford	MSc Advanced Practice (Minor Injuries & Minor Illness)	24/09/2019	24-36
University of Leeds	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020	24
University of Leeds	MSc Advanced Critical Care Practice	01/09/2019 & 01/01/2020	24
Sheffield Hallam University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	16/09/2019	36
Sheffield Hallam University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice Musculoskeletal	16/09/2019	36
Sheffield Hallam University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice Radiotherapy and Oncology	16/09/2019	36
Sheffield Hallam University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice Image Interpretation	16/09/2019	36
University of Hull	MSc Advanced Practice generic pathway	16/09/2019	36
University of Sheffield	Advanced Nurse Practitioner General Practice and Primary Care	01/09/2019	36
University of Sheffield	Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner	01/09/2019	36

University of Sheffield	Advanced Neonatal Nurse practitioner	01/09/2019	36
University of York	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice - Multi Professional	31/09/2019	36
Leeds Beckett University	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	23/09/2019	30
University of Huddersfield	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice	25/09/2019	36