

## ACUTE CARE COMMON STEM (ACCS) ACUTE MEDICINE – CT1

ENTRY CRITERIA	
Essential Criteria	When is this evaluated? <sup>i</sup>
<p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <p>Applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBBS or equivalent medical qualification</li> </ul>	Application form
<p><b>Eligibility:</b></p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be eligible for full registration with, and hold a current licence to practise<sup>ii</sup> from, the GMC at intended start date<sup>iii</sup></li> <li>• Have evidence of achievement of foundation competences, in the three and a half years preceding the advertised post start date for the round of application, via one of the following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Current employment in a UKFPO-affiliated foundation programme; <b>or</b></li> <li>➤ Having been awarded an FPCC (or FAcD 5.2) from a UK affiliated foundation programme within the 3.5 years preceding the advertised post start date; <b>or</b></li> <li>➤ 12 months medical experience after full GMC registration (or equivalent post licensing experience), and evidence to commence specialty training in the form of a <i>Certificate of Readiness to Enter Specialty Training</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Be eligible to work in the UK</li> </ul>	Application form, interview/selection centre <sup>iv</sup>
<p><b>Fitness to practise:</b></p> <p>Is up to date and fit to practise safely and is aware of own training needs.</p>	Application form, references
<p><b>Language skills:</b></p> <p>Applicants must have demonstrable skills in written and spoken English, adequate to enable effective communication about medical topics with patients and colleagues; as assessed by the General Medical Council<sup>v</sup>.</p>	Application form, interview/selection centre
<p><b>Health:</b></p> <p>Applicants must meet professional health requirements (in line with GMC standards / Good Medical Practice)</p>	Application form, pre-employment health screening

<p><b><i>Career progression:</i></b></p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be able to provide complete details of their employment history</li> <li>• Have evidence that their career progression is consistent with their personal circumstances</li> <li>• Have evidence that their present level of achievement and performance is commensurate with the totality of their period of training</li> <li>• Have <b>no more than 18 months' experience<sup>vi</sup> in medical specialties<sup>vii</sup> (not including Foundation modules)</b> by time of intended start date.</li> <li>• Have notified the Training Programme Director of the Specialty Training Programme they are currently training in if applying to continue training in the same specialty in another region<sup>viii</sup>.</li> <li>• Not have previously relinquished or been released / removed from a core medical or acute care common stem programme, except if they have received an ARCP outcome 1 or under exceptional circumstances<sup>ix</sup></li> <li>• Not previously resigned, been removed from, or relinquished a post or programme with resultant failure to gain the award of a FPCC (FACD 5.2), except under extraordinary circumstances <i>and</i> on the production of evidence of satisfactory outcome from appropriate remediation<sup>x</sup></li> </ul>	<p>Application form Interview/selection centre</p>
<p><b><i>Application completion:</i></b></p> <p>ALL sections of application form completed FULLY according to written guidelines</p>	<p>Application form</p>

SELECTION CRITERIA		
Essential Criteria	Desirable Criteria	When is this evaluated?
<b>Qualifications</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRCP (UK) Part 1</li> <li>Additional related qualifications, e.g. intercalated degree, BSc, BA, BMedSci or equivalent</li> </ul>	Application form, interview/selection centre  References
<b>Clinical skills – clinical knowledge &amp; expertise</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ability to apply sound clinical knowledge and judgement to problems</li> <li>Ability to prioritise clinical need</li> <li>Ability to maximise safety and minimise risk</li> <li>Recognition of, and ability to undertake the initial management of, an acutely ill patient</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aptitude for practical skills, e.g. manual dexterity</li> <li>Successful completion of relevant skills course(s),</li> </ul>	Application form, interview/selection centre  References
<b>Academic skills</b>		
<b>Research and audit skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrates understanding of research, including awareness of ethical issues</li> <li>Demonstrates understanding of the basic principles of audit, clinical risk management, evidence-based practice, patient safety, and clinical quality improvement initiatives</li> <li>Demonstrates knowledge of evidence-informed practice</li> </ul>	<b>Research and audit skills:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of relevant academic and research achievements, e.g. degrees, prizes, awards, distinctions, publications, presentations, other achievements</li> <li>Evidence of involvement in an audit project, a quality improvement project, formal research project or other activity which:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>focuses on patient safety and clinical improvement</li> <li>demonstrates an interest in and commitment to the specialty beyond the mandatory curriculum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Application form  Interview/selection centre

	<p><b>Teaching:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of interest in, and experience of, teaching</li> <li>• Evidence of feedback for teaching</li> <li>• Instructor status (or a recommendation for instructor status) in an advanced life support course (ALS, ATLS, EPLS, APLS) or equivalent course</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Personal skills</b></p>		
<p><b>Communication skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates clarity in written/spoken communication, and capacity to adapt language to the situation, as appropriate</li> <li>• Able to build rapport, listen, persuade and negotiate</li> </ul> <p><b>Problem solving and decision making:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to use logical/lateral thinking to solve problems/make decisions, indicating an analytical/scientific approach</li> </ul> <p><b>Empathy and sensitivity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to take in others' perspectives and treat others with understanding; sees patients as people</li> <li>• Demonstrates respect for all</li> </ul> <p><b>Managing others and team involvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to work in multi-professional teams and supervise junior medical staff</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Capacity to work effectively with others</li> </ul>	<p><b>Management and leadership skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of involvement in management commensurate with experience</li> <li>• Demonstrates an understanding of NHS management and resources</li> <li>• Evidence of effective multi-disciplinary team working and leadership, supported by multi-source feedback or other workplace-based assessments</li> <li>• Evidence of effective leadership in and outside medicine</li> </ul> <p><b>IT skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates information technology skills</li> </ul> <p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of achievement outside medicine</li> <li>• Evidence of altruistic behaviour, e.g. voluntary work</li> <li>• Evidence of organisational skills – not necessarily in medicine, e.g. grant or bursary applications, organisation of a university club, sports section, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Application form</p> <p>Interview/selection centre</p> <p>References</p>

<p><b>Organisation and planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to manage/prioritise time and information effectively</li> <li>• Capacity to prioritise own workload and organise ward rounds</li> <li>• Evidence of thoroughness (is well-prepared, shows self-discipline/commitment, is punctual and meets deadlines.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Vigilance and situational awareness:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to monitor developing situations and anticipate issues</li> </ul> <p><b>Coping with pressure and managing uncertainty:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity to operate under pressure</li> <li>• Demonstrates initiative and resilience to cope with changing circumstances</li> <li>• Is able to deliver good clinical care in the face of uncertainty</li> </ul> <p><b>Values:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understands, respects and demonstrates the values of the NHS Constitution (e.g. everyone counts; improving lives; commitment to quality of care; respect and dignity; working together for patients; compassion)</li> </ul>		
<p><b><i>Probity – professional integrity</i></b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrates probity (displays honesty, integrity, aware of ethical dilemmas, respects confidentiality)</li> <li>• Capacity to take responsibility for own actions</li> </ul>		<p>Application form, interview/selection centre</p> <p>References</p>

<b><i>Commitment to specialty – learning and personal development</i></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows initiative/drive/enthusiasm (self-starter, motivated, shows curiosity, initiative)</li> <li>• Demonstrable interest in, and understanding of, the specialty</li> <li>• Commitment to personal and professional development</li> <li>• Evidence of attendance at organised teaching and training programme(s)</li> <li>• Evidence of self-reflective practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extracurricular activities / achievements relevant to the specialty</li> </ul>	Application form Interview/selection centre References

<sup>i</sup> 'When is this evaluated' is indicative but may be carried out at any time throughout the selection process.

<sup>ii</sup> 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.

<sup>iii</sup> 'Intended start date' refers to the first date from which posts recruited in a round can commence. This will be specified clearly within the published advertisement for that recruitment round.

<sup>iv</sup> '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.

<sup>v</sup> Applicants are advised to visit the GMC website which gives details of evidence accepted for registration.

<sup>vi</sup> Any time periods specified in this person specification refer to full-time-equivalent.

<sup>vii</sup> The list of 30 'physicianly medical specialties', as defined by JRCPTB, can be viewed on their website at: <http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/trainingandcert/ST3-SpR/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

<sup>viii</sup> The Support for Application to another region form, signed by the Training Programme Director of their current Specialty Training Programme confirming satisfactory progress must be submitted to the recruitment office at time of application.

<sup>ix</sup> Exceptional 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. Applicants will only be considered if they 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. No other evidence will be accepted.

<sup>x</sup> 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.