

Intended funding routes

Training pathway	Tuition fees	Supervision fee (replacing placement fee)
ACP PG Diploma	Full tuition fees paid to the HEI for a period of 2 years practice (the individual or Trust would need to fund the dissertation)	£2,500 for 2020/21
Top-up modules	Tuition fees paid to the HEI for named modules agreed between HEE and the employer. Modules must be completed within the 2020/21 academic year and must upskill the individual to fully meet the Multi-Professional ACP Framework	N/A
ACP Apprenticeship	N/A (paid by the employer through the apprenticeship levy)	£2,500 for 2020/21

- FAQs to provide guidance on process and on how to complete the form
- ACP Prospectus 2020/21 demonstrating the London HEI offer
- Employer Readiness Checklist
- Supervision Reporting

Funding eligibility

- Funding is for programmes of accredited academic study for staff who are already registered as nurses, midwives, pharmacists or AHPs to train as Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP).
- This is a **specific offer to develop ACPs**. It cannot be replaced by an equivalent offer of funding for other activity.
- The individual should be undergoing training in line with the **Multi-Professional Advanced Clinical Practice Framework**.
- Staff supported by this funding must be academically eligible and ready to start a course in 2019/20 academic year.
- For new ACP trainees, a **full pathway** should be undertaken rather than single modules.
- The employer should make a **clear case for the ACP role** to demonstrate that it is one of the organisational priorities in line with their workforce plans and service requirements.
- The employer should provide assurance that there will be an **ACP post on completion of training**, demonstrated in the service/division establishment by way of a Job Description or job plan, to avoid investing in the upskilling of staff who cannot then put their advanced skills into practice.
- There should be a **job description or job plan** in place to ensure that the individual has **work-based learning opportunities** whilst in training.
- The employer should commit to providing a **suitable learning environment** to the ACP trainees, in line with the HEE Quality Framework.

Learning environment

Individuals on ACP pathways require regular educational and workplace supervision, opportunities for work-based learning and adequate study leave throughout their period of training. A lack of support often results either in individuals withdrawing from the programme or seeking alternative employment; employers should consider whether they can fully support individuals before seeking funding for training.

The expectations of employers in return for the supervision fee are:

- Principles of the HEE Quality Framework should be in place for all learners.
- Sufficient study leave for university training. It is not acceptable for ACP trainees to be taking unpaid or annual leave for dedicated training days.
- Supervision provided by an appropriately trained supervisor. The expectation is that ACP trainees will have a minimum 0.25PA (1 hour) of supervision per week over the course of their training.
- Inclusion of postgraduate medical education department in discussion of supervision where appropriate to enable suitable job-planning.
- Sufficient work-based learning opportunities to gain clinical competence at an advanced level.
- Appropriate governance in place in line with the Multi-Professional Advanced Clinical Practice Framework.
- Learners should be encouraged to complete NETS survey.

Timescales

- Friday 28th February: Employing Organisations receive template and relevant documentation
- Friday 3rd April: Deadline for templates to be returned to
ACPenquirieslondon@hee.nhs.uk
- w/c 6th April: HEE begins to review requests
- w/c 11th May: Funding confirmed with employers, subject to budget sign off
- w/c 11th May: Funded students confirmed with HEIs, subject to budget sign off
- July/August: Data validation with Employers / HEIs to confirm schedules
- September: Final schedules to be issued to HEIs confirming September 2020 starts

Please note:

1. Organisations are asked to **prioritise their requests** so that funding can quickly be confirmed once the budget has been signed off.
2. It is the **responsibility of the individual** to apply to the relevant HEI. HEE does not have a role in allocating ACP places or putting students forward to HEIs
3. Timescales are narrow to ensure that funding can be approved in time for students to apply for September intakes.

Common difficulties

- Funding year and academic year do not align
- Students changing the HEI without informing HEE
- Students only enrolling onto one module at a time
- Functional skills (apprenticeship route only)
- Students not having correct pre-requisites
- Unconfirmed or changing student names
- Students withdrawing or service needs changing

HEI ACP Offer (1)

University	Highlight one	Highlight two
Greenwich University	Close working partnerships we have with employers in order to deliver a flexible programme which is responsive to the needs of the workforce.	We are very student centred and understand the challenges our post-graduate students have in terms of balancing, work, life and studies, therefore we offer extensive support to our students.
The Royal Marsden School	We provide an Advanced Practice course that specialises in Cancer care.	We are linked closely to the hospital, so we get a lot of clinical practitioners teaching on our courses.
London South Bank University	Excellent long-standing reputation, high level of clinical content.	We are currently the only provider of a specialist mental health advanced clinical practice course in London and the surrounding areas. Paediatric specific clinical content, multi-professional
Middlesex University	Recognition of prior learning and experience which may reduce the length of the programme.	Pre-programme consultancy and programme planning support with a focus workplace learning with tripartite review.
Kingston & St George's	Multi-professional programme mapped to both the HEE and Apprenticeship Standards	Four multi-professional awards validated: MSc Advanced Clinical Practice; MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Critical Care); MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Musculoskeletal); MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Urgent and Emergency Care). All can be studied as non-apprenticeship or as an integrated degree apprenticeship.
King's College London	100% student satisfaction	Very clinically focussed programme.

HEI ACP Offer (2)

University	Highlight one	Highlight two
Brunel University	<p>The Brunel MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice provides seven distinct specialist pathways so that students and employers can tailor the programme to the specific needs of the student and service area. Each pathway is delivered by clinical academics who are specialist within the respective clinical area so that programme content and delivery is specific to the specialist requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Neurological Rehabilitation) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Cardiovascular Health) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Critical Care Rehabilitation) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Pelvic Health) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Occupational Therapy) • MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Generic) 	<p>The Brunel MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice is a staged programme so that students and employers can create a study schedule that meets the needs of the student and service area. The programme can be undertaken in discrete stages as individual modules, PGCert or PGDip over a time frame that suits the individual learner and service area.</p>
Buckinghamshire New University	<p>High learner pass rates are seen on these programmes - this has been attributed to learners being fully supported throughout their ACP journey.</p>	<p>We pride ourselves on the Multi-disciplinary nature of our ACP programmes – training every discipline in a hospital setting (including pharmacists, physiotherapists, paramedics and midwives).</p>
City University	<p>The Programme Directors and Programme Team are clinical academics with a strong background, clinical expertise and strategic involvement in the development of advanced clinical practice.</p>	<p>We offer MSc ACP and MSc ACP Apprenticeship routes, with 3 intakes per year and a flexible Programme Diet to meet specific student requirement when necessary. Our Programmes are RCN accredited.</p>
West London University	<p>A major highlight is the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice, is provided via an apprenticeship route in just 27 months!</p>	<p>The multi-professional MSc Advanced Clinical Practice award has been designed to meet the National Degree Apprenticeship Standard and the Multi-professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England (NHS 2017).</p>