

# 30-week training programme

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The HEE Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme is a post-registration training programme, which trains competent and independent endoscopists from non-medical backgrounds (not open to medically-qualified applicants) to address the increasing demand for endoscopy services.

Successful applicants are able to choose their training pathway in either Upper GI Endoscopy or Lower GI Endoscopy. Trainees completing the programme are expected to demonstrate a good level of competence in their chosen discipline, to be followed by in-house support.

### Delivery and duration of the programme

This blended learning programme takes 30 weeks (7 months) - it combines clinical procedure development with simulation experiences for technical and non-technical skills, in addition to the completion of Joint Advisory Group (JAG) mandatory courses. Attendance at essential clinical contact is required for the Basic Skills Course and Simulation Days. All academic content is taught online and leads to academic accreditation at level 6 (minimum). For a more detailed overview of all the programme elements please refer to the Clinical Endoscopy Training FAQs.

### Cohort dates 2021

The start dates for the programme are subject to change and dependent on government guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional cohorts may be added, if required.

All cohorts start this September: They are Upper GI, Introduction to Lower GI, and Colonoscopy.

### Application process

1. Submit an online Expression of Interest form [7] for yourself or on behalf of an applicant as a manager.
2. The expression of interest will be reviewed by our team and shortlisting will commence.
3. You will be asked to complete an online application form [8] if yourself or your applicant meets the initial

entry criteria.

4. You will be invited to participate in a short online selection meeting prior to confirmation of your place.

Please note: This is an open application process and as such there is no closing date. Once we have received your application, we will inform you of the next steps.

Entry criteria

This programme is open to:

1. Registered Healthcare Professionals (NMC Adult Nurses, Registered Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registered)

2. Professionals from relevant clinical backgrounds including, but not limited to the following:

Nurses/clinical nurse specialists - Endoscopy, GI Radiology, GI Surgery Gastroenterology, Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Specialist, Specialist Screening Practitioners, Specialist Screening Endoscopists, Radiographers, Operating Department Practitioners, GI Physiologists

Please note: The programme is not open to medically-qualified applicants. If your role is not listed above, you may still be eligible to apply so please submit an expression of interest.

Financial support

In 2020/21 HEE is providing a training grant of up to £15,000 per trainee. This support may be reduced for trainees who have already completed a significant number of procedures in the modality in which they wish to train. HEE pays for all programme fees. We provide a contribution to cover travel and subsistence expenses

Please note: Applicants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis during the selection process. This grant can be used to support trusts to create sufficient capacity for training and supervision for trainees when completing the required number of practical procedures within the trust.

Contact us

Take a look at our Frequently Asked Questions

Contact our team: [diagnosticsprogramme@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:diagnosticsprogramme@hee.nhs.uk) [9]

## Related Documents

- Health Education England Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme - Trainee Programme Preparation Advice (.pdf) 84.96 KB [10]
- Health Education England Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme - Clinical Supervisor's Guide (.pdf) 161.66 KB [11]
- Health Education England Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme - Frequently Asked Questions (.pdf) 155.59 KB [12]

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