# FAQ Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP)

* **Q1.** **Who is the ACP Programme Lead at Edge Hill University?**

**Answer:** Mike Roberts. [Robertsmi@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Robertsmi@edgehill.ac.uk)

He is always happy to speak to potential ACP applicants or answer any questions around the programme, either by email or over the phone or on TEAMs.

If your questions cannot be answered from this FAQ, please contact him directly for further information around the ACP Programme.

* **Q2. Do I need to be in a particular clinical role to apply for the ACP programme?**

**Answer:** Yes, you need to be in an ACP Trainee Role on commencing the ACP Programme.

* **Q3. Do I need a Clinical Supervisor for the ACP Programme and what if want to change my supervisor part way through my studies?**

**Answer:** Yes, you need a Clinical Supervisor for the length of the programme, if this is a doctor then they need to be at Registrar Level or above (Consultant / GP) or a qualified ACP with at least 2 years of experience. Your Clinical Supervisor may also be your line-manager, this is fine.

If you need to change your Clinical Supervisor during the Programme, then this is fine, we appreciate that this might happen on occasion. You would need to contact the ACP Programme Lead and explain the reason for the change and then update your e-Portfolio / inform the appropriate Administrative Teams here at the university.

* **Q4. What does my Clinical Supervisor need to complete?**

**Answer:** Your clinical supervisor will need to meet with you weekly (requirement of the e-Portfolio) and should provide support as you progress across the ACP Programme.

If you undergo the ACP Programme via the Apprentice Route, there will be further meetings and reviews which your Clinical Supervisor will need to be attend and sign off.

Prior to submitting your ACP e-Portfolio (same submission date as your dissertation) your Clinical Supervisor will be required to sign off this element of the Programme, before it is reviewed and signed off by the ACP Programme Lead.

* **Q5. Will I receive a ‘Digital Badge’ when I complete the ACP Programme at Edge Hill University?**

**Answer:** Yes, after fully completing the ACP MSc programme and your associated ACP e-portfolio is completed and signed off, NHSE will be notified.

* **Q6.** **How is the ACP programme structured and what level is MSc set at?**

**Answer:** The ACP programme is usually studied over a 3-year period, as it is a MSc (post-graduate) programme all the modules are at Level 7. There are 4 core modules which you will need to complete as part of the pathway – please see below.

There are also optional modules which you could choose from – 2nd year and these can be found on the Edge Hill University Website. The ACP programme structure is also dependent on which funding route you choose:

# NHSE / Self-funded:

**Advanced Clinical Practice e-Portfolio to be completed over the 3-year period.**

**Year 1 = 60 credits**

* HEA4265 - Context of Advanced Practice (20 credits) Core module
* HEA4118 - Developing Clinical Skills and Capabilities (Adult) [previously Clinical Examination & Diagnostics]

(40 credits) Core module.

**Year 2 = 60 credits**

* Choice of 3 optional modules (20 credits) or Non-medical prescribing (40 credits) and 1 other 20 credits module.

**Year 3= 60 credits**

* HEA4119 - Research Module (20 credits) Core module
* HEA4264 - Research Inquiry [Dissertation] (40 credits) Core module.

# NHSE Apprenticeship Funded:

**Advanced Clinical Practice e-Portfolio to be completed over the 3-year period.**

**Year 1 = 60 credits**

* HEA4265 - Context of Advanced Practice (20 credits) Core module
* HEA4118 - Developing Clinical Skills and Capabilities [previously Clinical Examination & Diagnostics]

(40 credits) Core module.

**Year 2 = 40 credits**

* Choice of 2 optional modules (20 credits) or Non-medical prescribing (40 credits)

**Year 3= 60 credits**

* HEA4119 - Research Module (20 credits) Core module
* HEA4264 - Research Inquiry [Dissertation] (40 credits) Core module.

**End Point Assessment Module (20 credits)**

* **Q7**. **For the MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice what are the number of days that I will need to attend the university campus and are they face to face or online?**

**Answer:** The study days vary depending on each module with some being ½ day and others a full 1-day study session / week. We would advise that you require 1-day / week (out of practice) for the duration of the programme. Most sessions are now face-to-face, with some online sessions available.

* **Q8.** **How can I get funding for the ACP Programme?**

**Answer:** There are 3 ways of gaining funding:

* NHS England (NHSE)
* Apprenticeships
* Self-funding

I would advise contacting your Trust’s / Practice’s Education Lead to discuss the best option for you and to see what funding is available.

* **Q9.** **Can I bring previous modules that I have studied at other universities or at Edge Hill University in the past into the ACP pathway?**

**Answer:** Yes, you can RPL certain modules across as long as they are appropriate to the ACP programme and have been studied at Level 7.

There is an RPL panel that looks at modules once you have commenced the programme. If you want to RPL in modules which you consider representing our core modules, then we would need to check the transcripts and learning outcomes from your completed module. We would advise contacting the Programme Lead for further clarity on the RPL process.

* **Q10. I have studied and completed the non-medical prescribing module at another university can I use the 40 credits (Level 7) towards the MSc ACP programme?**

**Answer:** Yes, we can consider RPL of these credits across into the ACP programme, but you may need to provide clinical currency (evidence) that you are currently prescribing in your area of practice. These credits would make up part of your 2nd year of study or all your 2nd year under the Apprenticeship Pathway if 40 credits were accepted.