Evidencing Advanced Clinical Practice via HEE’s Centre for Advancing Practice

In the absence of national regulation and mandating of national guidance such as Health Education England [*Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England*](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Multi-professional%20framework%20for%20advanced%20clinical%20practice%20in%20England.pdf) (MPF (2017)), Health Education Centre for Advancing Practice has identified the need to provide reassurance to employers, patients, carers, and families, that their Advanced Practitioners have the competencies and capabilities required to the agreed standard set by HEE and detailed in their MPF (2017).

Providing the evidence that a clinician maps to the MPF can currently be completed in 2 ways:

1. Recognition of education and training can be achieved by successfully completing a Centre for Advancing Practice accredited MSc Advanced Clinical Practice programme (**Programme Accreditation Route**). A list of programmes that have been accredited will be made available on the Centre's website.
2. Recognition of education and training **equivalence** can be achieved through the supported e-portfolio route. The Centre for Advancing Practice **Supported e-Portfolio Route** is designed to enable advanced practitioners to evidence that they meet the advanced practitioner requirements noted in the MPF (2017) through an e-Portfolio by mapping their experience, knowledge and skills to the MPF. This process will be supported by an allocated university who will, together with the individual, identify any learning needs. Applicants must be experienced ACPs, currently registered a statutory healthcare body and must be working in ACP roles providing NHS commissioned care. They should have a substantial portfolio of practice and **must have the support of their employer before applying**.

*The Supported e-Portfolio Route will be open for online applications from Monday 13th December onward via HEE’s*[*Centre for Advancing Practice*](https://advanced-practice.hee.nhs.uk/supported-eportfolio-route/)*in the Supported e-Portfolio section*. The Centre held a webinar on 6th December where information was presented and FAQs were answered. If you missed this, a recording of the webinar has been made available on the [Centre for Advancing Practice](https://advanced-practice.hee.nhs.uk/supported-eportfolio-route/) website.

What can you expect if you apply to the Supported e-Portfolio Route?

The process includes an initial online application stage where you will be asked to identify how closely you currently map to the Multi-professional framework; if you meet the eligibility criteria, you will then be allocated to an education provider (a university), and you will subsequently complete a Learning Needs Analysis and the e-Portfolio itself. If the education provider identifies that additional learning is necessary, and this can be completed within a reasonable time frame, then this will be undertaken in conjunction with the education provider. This opportunity is suitable for experienced practitioners who already have a significant body of evidence that can be mapped to the Multi-professional framework with minimal or no gaps in that mapping.

The online application form for the Supported e-Portfolio Route will be available via the Centre for Advanced Practice website from Monday 13th December 2021 and will remain open until late January 2022.  It is intended to leave the online application open for as long as possible before the applications are checked – this will give you the time to complete the initial application process before the first allocation to education providers occurs.