**Advanced Clinical Practice**

Advanced clinical practitioners (ACP) come from a range of professional backgrounds such as nursing, pharmacy, paramedics physiotherapy and occupational therapy. They are healthcare professionals educated to Masters Level and have developed the skills and knowledge to allow them to take on expanded roles and scope of practice caring for patients.

Advanced clinical practice embodies the ability to manage complex clinical care autonomously. It includes the analysis and synthesis of complex problems and the ability to manage both acute and chronic undifferentiated diagnosis. It may also include the ability to manage complex chronic care with general practice; such as complex chronic disease management or chronic pain. The scope of practice within general practice will vary within each role due to patient needs and the discipline of the registered practitioner.

The educational requirement to become an ACP is typically completion of a 2 year master’s level programme, that encompasses the four pillars of clinical practice, leadership and management, education and research. On completion you will have demonstrated core capabilities, area specific clinical competence and non-medical prescribing (if not already completed).

The programme will require the practice to support you by; releasing you from practice to attend the designated sessions, allocating you a clinical supervisor, allocating protected time for learning in practice.

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* You will need to evidence that you have completed studies at level 6 / 7 within the last 5 years.
* Familiarise yourself with the “Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England” document [ACP Framework](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Multi-professional%20framework%20for%20advanced%20clinical%20practice%20in%20England.pdf)
* Initiate discussions with your practice to explore where ACP could fit within their succession planning and development. For information and support to do this including the application process, contact your local Training Hub:

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