

Accreditation of Clinical Educators

- What the scheme is:

The Accreditation for Clinical Educators scheme has been developed by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) in collaboration with Higher Education Institutions in the UK.

It has been designed to allow clinical educators to gain recognition for their role as practice based educator, including the education of physiotherapy students, junior staff, assistants, carers, patients and other health care professionals.

Physiotherapists who complete the ACE programme will be given ACE status by the CSP; the award is recognised nationally and is transferable between different environments.

The ACE scheme is not mandatory however it will provide you with the opportunity to gain recognition for your work in the role of clinical educator, in a way that demonstrates the significant contribution that fulfilling this role makes to your continuing professional development (CPD).

- How the scheme operates:

Two options are available at Coventry University and both routes allow you to draw on your experience as a clinical educator:

Option 1: Experiential route – this route requires you to prepare and submit a profile of evidence of your work as a clinical educator i.e. work that you are already doing as an educator. There will be two half-day workshops, one to get you started and one to support your progress. In a friendly and supportive environment tutors from Coventry will take you through the process and be available online for any queries. At the end of 3 months the portfolios are handed in for assessment and accreditation .

The cost of the experiential route is £150

Option 2: Programme route – this route involves attending a taught Masters level module that focuses on teaching and learning for health and social care professionals. Successful completion and submission of coursework leads to an 'M' level award from the University and ACE accreditation with the CSP

The cost of the programme route is £413.40.

If you would like further details about the ACE Experiential or Programme routes please contact Julie Sellars on 02476 887067 or Email: j.sellars@coventry.ac.uk or Jane Toms on 02476 888903 or Email: j.toms@coventry.ac.uk

Are you an Established Clinical Educator interested in gaining formal recognition for your role?

Accreditation of Clinical Educators (ACE):

The ACE scheme has been designed to allow clinical educators to gain recognition for their role as practice based educators.

On completion of the ACE programme you are given ACE status by the CSP which is a nationally recognised award.

Participation in the ACE scheme can help you develop your ability to gather & construct evidence of your CPD e.g. writing reflectively.

How the scheme operates via an experiential route:

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Forthcoming dates:

- 12th December 2011 – Launch ACE (10-1pm)
- 23rd January 2012 – ACE Review Meeting (10-1pm)
- 9th March 2012 – Submission of ACE Profiles

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