



AHCS (incorporating RCCP) announce Graduate Clinical Exercise Physiologist registration route now open - Higher Education MSc degree programmes can now apply for accreditation.

The graduate routeway for Clinical Exercise Physiologists (CEP's) is the next crucial step in providing a workforce to ensure high quality exercise provision to support healthcare in the U.K. CEP services aim to optimise physical function and quality of life whilst promoting long-term health through lifestyle modification and behaviour change. Those higher education MSc degree programmes meeting the [CEP-UK curriculum framework](#) can now apply to be assessed for accreditation by the Academy for Healthcare Science (incorporating RCCP). Those programmes wishing to be assessed against the standards should email lizanne.steenkamp@ahcs.ac.uk. This process will allow some current MSc degree programmes to have accredited CEPs graduating in Sept 2023

For those programmes wishing to apply now or in the future: A webinar will be held on the 24th January at 15:30 entitled AHCS (RCCP) Accreditation process on teams to overview the process and provide an opportunity for programme teams to ask questions. This will be recorded and be accessible on the [CEP-UK](#) website following the event.

The opening of the graduate routeway coincides with the 1-year anniversary of Clinical Exercise Physiologists being eligible for professional registration through the equivalency process. Over the past year, 50 individuals have been conferred the title Clinical Exercise Physiologist and a further 155 individuals have begun the process of completing the application for registration. For CEP specific advice on applying via the equivalency process visit: <https://www.clinicalexercisephysiology.org.uk> To apply visit: <https://rccp.co.uk/become-registered/how-to-apply/>

N.B. Those wishing to apply via the equivalency process, the time for reduced price cost expires on 28th Feb 2023. Those applications submitted after this date; the cost will be £175 (this cost includes assessment of application plus annual fee).

Professional registration via equivalence or graduate routes represents a step-change in the provision of exercise prescription in clinical populations in the U.K.. Those registered are qualified health professionals proficient in exercise testing, prescription and delivery of evidence-based interventions for the prevention, treatment and long-term management of chronic and complex conditions. They work as part of multi-disciplinary teams of healthcare and rehabilitation providers across multiple sectors and settings.