



ACP Education the Local Landscape: Past, Present and Future

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ACP Landscape: Where have we been?

- We have been here supporting and educating those who deliver advanced practice.
- Nurse practitioners have been around in the UK since the mid 1990's. The first cohort were educated through the RCN in 1993.
- Cumbria had BSc NP degree since 1995 and UCLan BSc NP since 2002.
- MSc ACP since 2005 at Cumbria and 2006 at UCLAN.

ACP Landscape: Where have we been?

So not a new concept

- Both are now Multi-professional ACP MSc programmes and have been since 2010
- Both Universities offer entry to many previous BSc students as well as those who are new to the ACP world.
- We work in collegiate ways through the Association of Advanced Practice Educators UK to ensure we produce high calibre ACPS who are fit for practice.

MSc ACP: Current provision

University of Cumbria and University of Central Lancashire offer:

- MSc Advanced Clinical Practice
- MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (Degree Apprenticeship)
- Timescales: Both courses delivered over a 2 – 3 years timeline
- Start dates:

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| University of Cumbria | Sept and March |
| University of Central Lancashire | Sept and January |
- Mode of Delivery: (normally prior to COVID-19 response)

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| University of Cumbria: | Distance learning with on campus delivery block weeks RCN accredited programme |
| UCLan | Face-to-delivery with some on-line learning Delivery pattern 1 day/week over 45 weeks |

Challenges faced by tACP's

Work based Learning

- Remote working
- Demands on Primary Care

Time

- Practice and gain competency in examination, history and clinical reasoning skills

Study

- Working in isolation
- Demands presented by Master level study

Governance

- Infrastructure
- Role with MDT

ACP Landscape: Where are we going?

- HEI accreditation with HEE so that there is a standardised curriculum
- RCN credentialing for nurses – remains in place and portfolio APL route until Dec 2021
- Evaluation of HEE e-portfolio and potential roll out
- Apprenticeship ACP
 - First cohort in England approaching EPA this year
- HEE credentials – (not to be confused with credentialing) distinct units of learning
 - <https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/advanced-practice/credentials>

ACP Landscape: Where are we going?

- E-learning for health:
 - <https://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/login>
- New band 7 roles in Primary Care as a stepping stone along advanced practice career pathway
 - First contact Physio Practitioner
 - First contact Paramedic Practitioner

Any Further Questions?