

Graduating Students 2020

RE: Introduction of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) portfolio for 2020 graduates on RCCP accredited courses

Graduation is an exciting time for students as it signifies the end of a number of years working towards a goal that culminates in the first steps to join a profession and applying what you have learned. Graduating in 2020 brings a new element to that experience as it is happening during a worldwide pandemic. At RCCP we recognise that your final year of study have been impacted by COVID-19 but we are assured that graduating from your course indicates that you have met all of our standards. The worldwide pandemic is changing how healthcare professionals deliver their services as well as interact with patients, and professions are reflecting on and changing how they provide healthcare. As a register we recognise that this creates a different work environment for our registrants, even more so for those joining the profession now and we wish to support you in that transition. To do this we are introducing a CPD portfolio to be completed in the first year after graduation.

It is likely that the COVID-19 pandemic may influence the availability of employment and we hope the CPD portfolio could provide an opportunity to continue professional development until employment is gained and could also be used to support job applications.

CPD is an essential, ongoing part of a clinician's development and all regulators expect registrants to be able to provide a CPD profile, if they should be selected for the CPD Audit. The sole purpose of the audit is so that we can provide feedback to inform future CPD activities and promote the understanding of what constitutes suitable CPD activity against our CPD standards. We are excited to announce that we are creating an online CPD repository for registrants, where you will be able to store and update any activities related to your continuing professional development. Below you will find information about applying to the RCCP register as a student, as well as information about the CPD portfolio.

RCCP would like to remind students that you can register with the RCCP as a student before graduation which will allow for easy conversion to the full RCCP register, once you have graduated. **The cost for the conversion is £25.**

Application Type	Fee
Student application:	No charge
Conversion to graduate:	£25 admin fee
Annual fee payable in following year	£52.50

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1. Joining the RCCP register as a student on an RCCP accredited course:

Complete the online registration form available through the Join the Register Option on www.rccp.co.uk home page

In the section for application type select student.

Contact RCCP to convert the application to **full status** once you have graduated and have a copy of your certificate and transcripts.

2. Continuing Professional Development portfolio

The RCCP website contains general information about continuing professional development and the biannual CPD audit.

The graduate CPD portfolio will follow the process below:

1. Collecting CPD starts with joining the **full** register.
 - The CPD portfolio should consist of a minimum of 3 events collected using the CPD Portfolio which is available in your registrant portal.
 - c. *We recommend identifying areas for further consideration based on your final year experience and this can be done in consultation with your clinical supervisor and/or lecturers. This will help you draw up a personal development plan for your CPD. **RCCP would like to suggest that one of your CPD topics should consider examples of the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of patient care in your profession.*** The RCCP CPD guidance is available under the become registered section of the RCCP website www.rccp.co.uk, under **RCCP CPD Standards and Guidance**
 - d. A sample of CPD profiles will be selected for an informal audit with the aim to provide feedback. The registrant then submits the CPD profile to RCCP one year after joining the register.

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