

Pathway 1: Royal College Examinations

A fellow at a ST3+ level (Registrar), needs to have either of the following 3 qualifications

1. MRCP for medicine based specialities e.g. Gastroenterology
2. MRCS for surgical based specialities e.g. T&O.
3. RCPATH examination for Pathology.

Regardless of which royal college examination a fellow needs to pass the IELTS or the OET exam in order to obtain GMC registration (both of them are English language tests, which demonstrate the right English proficiencies in order to work in the NHS and deal with patients safely in the UK).

Pathway 2: PLAB

A fellow below a ST3+ level (Junior level) needs to sit the PLAB exam (PLAB 1 and PLAB 2), IELTS or the OET exam in order to obtain GMC registration.

Pathway 3: Royal College/Medical Training Initiative (MTI) – fellows from low income countries only

Step 1 – IELTS certificate gained independently and prior to applying for ICENI Centre Fellowship Programme.

Step 2 – Submit CV to amy.sinclair@esneft.nhs.uk

Step 3 – Interview with Consultants at either Colchester Hospital or Ipswich Hospital

Step 4 – On offer of a Fellowship following a successful interview, ESNEFT medical staffing submit an application to the Royal College under the Medical Training Initiative (MTI)

Step 5 – An MTI placement will be allocated by the Royal College (this process can take several months)

Step 6 – The Royal College will support your GMC registration and will initially issue a provisional GMC registration (this will take approx. 6 weeks to process)

Step 7 – The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges will process a Certificate of Sponsorship (COS), required for a Tier 5 Visa (Approx. 10 working days)

Step 8 – The COS is sent to ESNEFT medical staffing who will advise you to apply for the Tier 5 Visa and confirm a start date for the Fellowship

Step 9 – On arrival in the UK you must first attend the GMC to undergo an ID check and complete registration

Step 10 – With full GMC registration, the ICENI Centre Fellowship commences.