

ICENI Centre International Fellowship Pathways & Step-by-Step Guide

All potential 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 1: East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust's GMC Sponsorship Scheme (ST5-Post CCT level)

A potential fellow from a low-income country and/or ST5+ you can apply for the GMC registration through our GMC Sponsorship Scheme. The Trust will issue the Certificate of Sponsorship to support the Tier 2 visa application.

Pathway 2: PLAB

A potential fellow below a ST5 level (ST3+4 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 Examinations

A potential fellow at a ST5+ 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.

Pathway 4: A potential self-funded Fellow can apply for GMC registration through East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust's GMC Sponsorship Scheme (ST5-Post CCT level) The Royal College of Surgeons will issue the Certificate of Sponsorship to support the Tier 5 visa (There will be fee by the RCS for £1,500+VAT)

Step 1 – For the 16 Fellowships advertised for 2022 email your interest to amy.sinclair@esneft.nhs.uk

Step 2 – Amy Sinclair will send the link to apply for the post through the Trust's TRAC recruitment process.

Step 3 – If you are shortlisted you will be invited to interview with the specialist department and a Medical Staffing representative. This can be carried out virtually.

On offer of a 1-2 year Fellowship following a successful interview, the below steps will take place:

Next steps.....

	Salaried Post – Pathway 1	Self-funded post – Pathway 4
Step 4	The ICENI Centre International Fellowship Officer and Medical Staffing will help support your GMC registration through the Trust’s GMC Sponsorship Scheme.	Requires GMC registration. A Certificate of Sponsorship for the Tier 5 visa to be obtained through the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) via the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC)
Step 5	Commence on-line application for GMC registration and send required documentation to the GMC (this will take approx. 8 weeks to process)	The Trust will support your GMC registration through our Scheme and in collaboration with the RCS. Commence on-line application for GMC registration and send required documentation. (this will take approx. 8 weeks to process)
In parallel with the Pathway 1 & 4, the Trust’s Medical Staffing employment checks will commence.		
Step 6	The Trust will issue a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) to support the Tier 2 visa application	The AoMRC will process a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS), required for a Tier 5 Visa (Approx. 10 working days)

Step 7 – On completion of all the paperwork (Start to finish 4-6 months) a start date will be agreed between yourself, Medical Staffing and the department.

Step 8 – The GMC will send an invitation to attend an ID check that requires attendance within 3 months of issue. Your GMC registration number will be provided at the ID check.

Step 9 – With full GMC registration, the ICENI Centre Fellowship commences.