



Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) –New Fast Track Assessment Centre in Association with Learna Announced

Advisory notice: The JCCP is delighted to announce that from May 1st, 2021 practitioners can apply to register with Learna's new JCCP Fast Track Assessment (FTA).

The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP), was formally launched In February 2018 as a 'self-regulating' body for the non-surgical aesthetics and hair restoration sector in the United Kingdom and has charitable status within the UK. The charitable status reflects the overarching not-for-profit mission of the JCCP which is to improve patient safety and public protection. The concept of the JCCP was inspired in 2016 by Health Education England on behalf of NHS England and the Department of Health. The JCCP's register of approved practitioners, while currently voluntary, is approved by the Professional Standards Authority and aims to uphold standards in cosmetic practice in the interest of public protection and patient safety.

Following calls for better industry regulation over the past decade, the JCCP's Government approved Practitioner Register, which was established in 2018, requires practitioners who wish to achieve full and un conditional registration to demonstrate that they have the requisite knowledge and competence to perform aesthetic procedures safely and effectively. The Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) is at the forefront of the call for better regulation within the aesthetic sector and has built on the previous HEE approved framework by setting standards and competency frameworks for the industry in collaboration with the Cosmetic Practice Standards Authority (CPSA). The standards and competencies set down by the JCCP and the CPSA may be accessed via the JCCP website and are presented as the JCCP Competence Framework (2018).

In order to ensure that those operating in the industry are more accountable to members of the public with regards their 'fitness to practice' the JCCP has agreed that their registered healthcare practitioners should be able to evidence their compliance with the JCCP and CPSA published standards for practice, either by undertaking a JCCP approved qualification or by attending a JCCP approved Fast Track Assessment Centre (FTA).

The JCCP is delighted to announce that from May 1st, 2021 practitioners can apply to register with Learna's new JCCP Fast Track Assessment (FTA) which has been specifically designed for aesthetic practitioners who are seeking to register with the JCCP. The new fast track assessment centre has been developed by online learning specialists, Learna, in collaboration with the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP), and will streamline the qualifications process, enabling more cosmetic practitioners to be eligible to join the JCCP Government PSA approved register.

The JCCP/Learna Fast Track Assessment Centre offers practitioners an alternative to more costly and time-consuming qualifications and is the only fast track assessment course of its kind on the market that is recognised by the JCCP, resulting in the award of a formally recognised equivalent verification standard that provides unconditional access to Part One of the PSA approved JCCP Practitioner Register.

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What does it involve?

The new FTA results in the award of a formally recognised equivalent verification standard that equates to the JCCP Level 7 education and training standard for the injection of toxins and for the insertion of dermal fillers. The FTA consists of two components; a three-hour theoretical exam with questions testing practitioner knowledge, and an Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) which tests the individuals' clinical skills and competence. This contrasts with some of the shortest PgCert courses, which take around 6 months to complete.

Learna is the only JCCP approved educational provider in the UK to deliver the first part of the assessment; the three-hour exam. Details of the JCCP/Learna Fast Track Assessment Centre process and application details may be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.learna.ac.uk/courses/jccp>

Professor Steve Davies, Founding Director of Learna and Chairman of the Welsh Aesthetic and Cosmetic Society said: "The new Fast Track Assessment is less time consuming, and more affordable and convenient than other more intensive academic qualifications in the marketplace.

"It provides an alternative option for practitioners who may have many years of experience and expertise under their belts, and who are looking to demonstrate their experience within the cosmetics/aesthetics sector and be recognised as a JCCP registered practitioner. This is a real must as the sector works towards professionalising aspects that remain unregulated.

"As the industry reopens, we are anticipating high demand for cosmetic/aesthetic treatments and industry regulation is crucial to ensuring these procedures are carried out safely. We want customers to know that they can have every confidence in JCCP registered practitioners who have completed our bespoke Fast Track Assessment

"We look forward to working with the JCCP to provide this course for practitioners and to raising awareness of the importance of professional standards among the public and practitioners alike.

"Not only will successful completion of our new FTA provide a more convenient way for Clinicians to apply for JCCP registration, but it also clearly demonstrates to clients your prioritisation of patient safety".

The rise in demand for cosmetic procedures has generated a greater responsibility for aesthetic practitioners to demonstrate their knowledge and competency in carrying out aesthetic treatments.

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Professor David Sines CBE, Chair of the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners, said: "The JCCP is delighted to be working in partnership with Learna and the University of South Wales to co-design and endorse the implementation of the Council's first Fast track Assessment Centre. The concept of the Fast Track Assessment Centre was envisaged in 2018 and has always been central to the JCCP's strategy to provide accomplished and experienced health care regulated practitioners with a more accessible entry route to enable them to achieve entry to the Council's Practitioner Register. Practitioners who successfully complete both parts of the Fast Track Assessment Centre assessment process will be able to demonstrate equivalence and full compliance with the JCCP and CPSA's Level 7 standards for the injection of toxins and for the insertion of dermal fillers in accordance with our published standards and competence frameworks. This new development heralds a new era for the enhancement of public safety in the UK'.

This announcement is made at a time when Parliament has been given Royal Assent to enact the Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Bill, later this year which is calling for a ban on lip fillers and Botox for people under the age of 18 who do not present with an explicit medical rationale for treatment and at a time when the Cosmetic Surgery (Standards) Bill (which proposes a legal requirement for cosmetic practitioners to be included in a Specialist Register) is moving towards inclusion on the 'Statute Book'.

Applications for the FTA will be accepted by Learna from Saturday 1st May, with the first assessment dates for the new course taking place at the end of June. Clinicians can apply through the Learna website.

For more information on the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) visit <https://www.jccp.org.uk>

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Notes to Editors:

Learna are online learning specialists, running since 2010, they provide a range of Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters and EMBA courses recently adding the FTA for Cosmetic Medicine to their range of courses. Learna's Study PRN brand also provides accredited CPD modules and medical Exam Revision with over 33,000 health professional subscribers, supporting them to continue to develop throughout their career.

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For general information and enquiries on the JCCP and a full version of the JCCP Guidelines on use of Social Media go to: www.jccp.org.uk

For further information on standards for non-surgical aesthetic treatments and hair restoration surgery please go to: www.cosmeticstandards.org.uk

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