

# Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners (JCCP) – Announces New Approved Awarding Organisation Qualifications – VTCT and OTHM

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.

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 education and training 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). These standards are designed for use by Ofqual and SQA recognised Awarding Bodies to assist in the development of qualifications and education/training programmes in order to demonstrate alignment with the Council’s published standards.

The JCCP is delighted to announce the formal approval of the following Awarding Organisations and their associated Level 7 qualifications:

- **VTCT (ITEC) Level 7 Diploma in Clinical Aesthetic Injectable Treatments – added to the JCCP Register of Approved Qualifications on the 22nd March 2021**
- **OTHM Level 7 Diploma in Clinical Aesthetic Injectable Therapies’ – added to the JCCP Register of Approved Qualifications on the 7th May 2021**

These Awarding Bodies have now been added to the JCCP Register of 'Approved Qualifications and Education and Training Provider Organisations' for the named programmes and qualifications cited above. VTCT and OTHM will be entitled to display the JCCP charter marks in accordance with the JCCP protocol for the use of the same.

Professor David Sines CBE, Chair of the Joint Council for Cosmetic Practitioners, said: "The JCCP is delighted to be working in partnership with VTCT and OTHM. The approved Level 7 qualifications that have been developed by both awarding organisations have demonstrated an exceptionally high standard of alignment with the JCCCP Competency Framework and with the CPSA Practice Standards. The approval of such robust qualifications is central to the JCCP's strategy to enable designated health care professionals to access 'benchmarked' education and training programme that will lead to their entry to the Council's Practitioner Register. Practitioners who successfully complete these approved qualifications with one of the JCCP's approved Education and Training Centres 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 partnership with VTCT and OTHM enhances patient safety and public protection in the UK in accordance with the processes originally envisioned by Health Education England in 2015".

Debra Morris Head of Programme (Clinical Aesthetics) & Qualification Lead (Health and Beauty) at VTCT said, "VTCT is incredibly proud as a renowned Awarding Organisation to have both a regulated and JCCP endorsed clinical aesthetics qualification. Our Level 7 Diploma in Clinical Aesthetic Injectable Treatments has gone through extensive development and rigorous quality assurance to reflect VTCT's standard of excellence. For over 60 years, our organisation has been dedicated to raising industry standards and we look forward to bringing the same quality and commitment to the clinical aesthetics sector. We are already working with key providers to continue to facilitate the learning of industry-leading professionals within this field".

Patricia Land Head of Operations and Compliance at OTHM Qualifications said, "OTHM recognises the vital importance of ensuring standards and competency to practice, particularly in relation to clinical practice and patient safety. To this end, we are very pleased indeed to be approved by the JCCP and having worked closely together, to have our level 7 Diploma in Clinical Aesthetic Injectable Therapies entered onto the JCCP Register of Approved Qualifications. We look forward to fulfilling our role in education for practice within this vibrant cosmetics industry."

It should be noted that the new JCCP Competency Framework for Aesthetic Practice is the subject of copyright and attributable ownership to the JCCP.

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

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