



Professional Certificate in Core Capabilities in Adult Gender Identity Healthcare (Certificate 1)

Accreditation of experienced clinicians ('grandparenting')

Eligibility criteria

The grandparenting route is available to statutorily regulated healthcare professionals who

- > are UK clinicians working within NHS provided specialist gender identity services and have **2 years** full-time (or part-time equivalent) clinical practice in an NHS approved or pilot gender identity centre or **3 years** full-time (or part-time equivalent) clinical practice in adult gender identity healthcare
- > are capable of unsupervised practice in the core capabilities in practice (CiPs) in Adult Gender Identity Healthcare (Certificate 1)
- > are in good standing with their professional regulator.

Referee criteria

Applicants will need to submit a reference from a GIH professional who

- > is a UK clinician working at a senior level within NHS-provided adult gender identity healthcare (e.g. a clinical lead / head of service)
- > is in good standing with their regulatory body and has current license to practise
- > makes a judgement that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria as set out above
- > has direct experience of working with the applicant in the field of adult gender identity healthcare.

Referees may be asked to submit a biography.

Approval process

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts to ensure that the approval criteria have been met. Approval recommendations will be endorsed by the adult gender identity healthcare programme board. There will be an appeals process for unsuccessful applicants. Approved applicants will receive an accredited professional certificate of core capabilities in adult gender identity healthcare.

Applicants will be given 3 outcomes:

- Pass
- Fail (an appeals process will be available)

- More evidence needed (there will be a one-month period following to allow for re-submission if more evidence is required).

Fees and application window

The fee for applications for grandparenting is £400. There is no external funding available for this route. Applications will be accepted from **12 February 2024 for a period of 12 months**. The window for applications will be extended if needed to allow for extenuating circumstances.

Please register for this route using the form on the [RCP webpage](#) and we will contact you with an application form if you are eligible. There will be a number of application submission points up until the closing date and we will notify you of the next submission deadline when we send you the form.

Screening

The first stage of application will be screening to ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria. Please use the form provided on the RCP webpage. Please note that you should allow sufficient time

Application process

The GIH certificates are structured around high-level learning outcomes, which are presented as 'capabilities in practice' (CiPs). As the applicant, you must confirm that you, through your experience, have met all the capabilities in practice of the programme.

The role of your referee is to confirm, through their knowledge of you, that you have demonstrated that are entrusted to act unsupervised in all the certificate 1 CiPs.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, we will send you the application form to complete and will take payment for the assessment process. We will notify you of the next submission deadline when we send you the form.

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