

NSHCS Scientist Training Programme Requirements for submission of the 2020 Independent Assessment of Clinical Competence

Your submission is a written critical reflection narrative of your readiness to practise as a safe and competent newly qualified Clinical Scientist, the following information outlines the parameters for your submission.

IACC trainee submission template

You must use the structured IACC trainee submission template to submit the narrative of your critical reflection to the School.

The structured submission template includes sections to capture your critical reflection on meeting the 5 Good Scientific Practice domains plus a section to capture your global statement on your readiness to practise as a safe and competent Clinical Scientist. Please refer to the IACC Guidance for Trainee and Training Officer for further guidance.

Word count

Word count: expectation of around 2500 and not exceeding- 3500. The range has been provided as the narrative must be a substantial account but is personal and individual to your stage of development. Anything over 3500 will not be accepted and you will forfeit your IACC attempt.

Words used to cite portfolio evidence are not included in the 2500- 3500 words available for your critical reflection narrative.

While you must reference your narrative to your signed-off portfolio evidence, the actual evidence has already been assessed and will not be reviewed for assessment as part of the IACC. Only your critical reflection on your readiness to practise is being assessed. This ensures that all trainees receive a fair assessment based on their personal and individual account only.

Portfolio Citations

Portfolio citations must follow the format: ModuleID:CompNumber
Please refer to the IACC Guidance for Trainee and Training Officer for further guidance.

Additional artefacts (e.g. SoPs, National/Trust policies, audio, video) and appendices are not required to be submitted. Additions of any sort will result in your submission being rejected and forfeit of one submission attempt.

You will see that the IACC submission template contains a structure to allow you to write to each of the AHCS Good Scientific Practice principle domains plus provide a global statement. You must maintain this structure for your submission. There is no requirement regarding specific number of words for each part, you may use the available words as you wish. This is important as you will be critically reflecting on your own stage of development and ongoing practice as a safe and competent Clinical Scientist; it will be a personal and individual narrative.

Your critical reflections must only reference evidence that has been signed off as this will show accepted development to the expected standard. The Academy of Healthcare Science will be verifying submission content as part of its quality monitoring role.

You will be required to declare that the critical reflection you are submitting for the IACC is your own work, citing your own signed-off portfolio evidence. This means, in particular, that you have not colluded or plagiarised. Evidence of these and any other unprofessional behaviours will be subject to the IACC misconduct policy.

You will be required to submit your work during the submission window: 9am Monday 29 June - noon Monday 13 July. Trainees who do not submit within the deadline will have forfeited this IACC attempt.

You will be required to submit your work electronically as a MS Word document, no other format will be accepted.

The details of the mechanism for submission will be provided to trainees separately prior to the submission window.

Please familiarise yourself with the IACC regulations and operating policies.