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Joining the AHCS register – Cardiac Physiology

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Joining the AHCS Register for Cardiac Physiology Professionals



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- The **Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS)** offers several registration pathways for professionals working in cardiac physiology and related disciplines.
- This presentation outlines how to join the relevant parts of the AHCS Register, including the:
 - **Healthcare Science Practitioner Register**
 - **Specialist Echocardiographer Register**
- It will also consider the **AHCS Equivalence pathways**



Joining the AHCS Register for Cardiac Physiology Professionals



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Registration Routes

- You can join via the following routes:
- PSA Accredited AHCS register

Option 1: Accredited Practitioner Training Programme

Option 2: AHCS Certificate of Equivalence

- AHCS Accredited register

Option 3: Specialist Echocardiographer Register



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**Scan the QR code to learn more about joining the PSA Accredited
AHCS register**



Option 1: Accredited Practitioner Training Programme



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Healthcare Science Practitioner Register

- This part of the register includes several sub-sections, but the following applies to Cardiac Physiology:

- Healthcare Science Practitioners
- Clinical Physiologists

- **Eligibility Criteria**

You can apply if you:

- Live and work in the UK
- Have completed a UK-approved education programme or pathway



Approved Universities offering Cardiac Physiology courses



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Eligibility to join the **Clinical Physiology** and **Healthcare Science** parts of the AHCS register

University	
City St George's University of London	University of Leeds
Manchester Metropolitan University	University of Plymouth
Middlesex University	University of Southampton
Sheffield Hallam University	University of Sunderland
Swansea University	University of the West of England
Ulster University	University of Wolverhampton
Historical course	
Anglia Ruskin	



accredited register



Other Approved Cardiac Physiology courses/Pathways



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Eligibility to join the **Clinical Physiology** part of the AHCS register

University	
Glasgow Caledonian University	BSc (Hons) Clinical Physiology (Cardiac Physiology)

Formal Education and Assessed Clinical Competencies acceptable for Clinical Physiology registration:

BSc (Hons) Clinical Physiology (Cardiac Physiology)	Pathway that includes professional body examinations
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Approved courses in the United Kingdom



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Is your course not listed?



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- If you qualified outside of the United Kingdom, then you need to apply via the **AHCS Equivalence Practitioner Pathway (PTP Equivalence)**
- If you qualified in the United Kingdom and your course is not listed, please contact registration@ahcs.ac.uk . Provide a summary of your qualifications and all certificates to allow us to advise you on the correct pathway to join the register.



Option 2: AHCS Certificate of Equivalence



Understanding Equivalence

Equivalence means your qualifications and experience meet the same standards as those from an accredited programme, even if the route was different.

The AHCS offers equivalence assessments for:

- **Healthcare Science Practitioners**
- **Scientists**
- **Higher Specialist Scientists**

This process is ideal for professionals with substantial experience or alternative qualifications who wish to demonstrate they meet national standards.

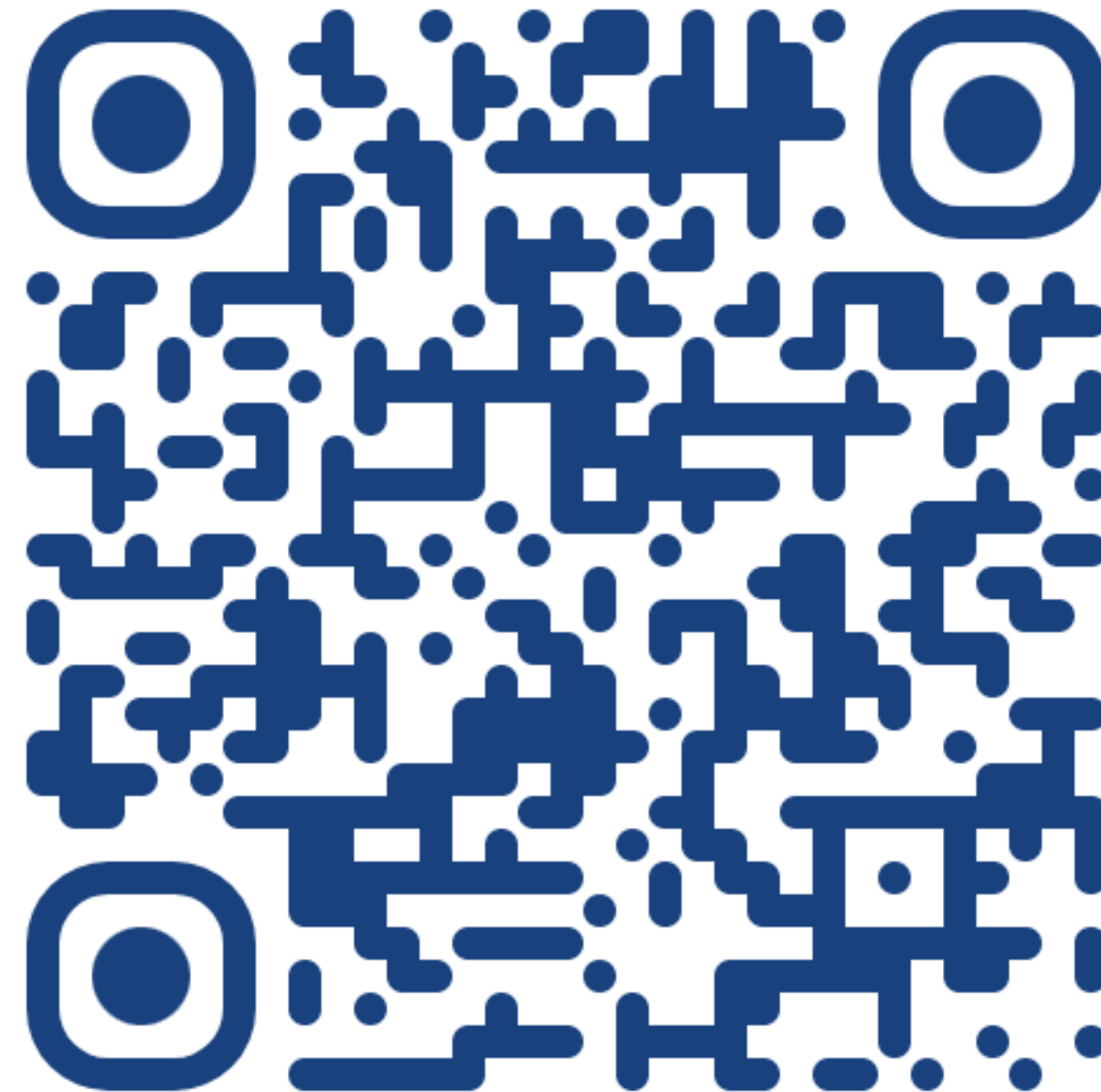


Option 2: AHCS Certificate of Equivalence



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Option 3: Specialist Echocardiographer Register



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This register is for professionals who have successfully completed the **Echocardiography Training Programme** delivered by the **National School of Healthcare Science (NSHCS)**, in collaboration with:

- **Society for Cardiological Science and Technology (SCST)**
- **British Society of Echocardiography (BSE)**
- Although not currently accredited by the **Professional Standards Authority (PSA)**, it is managed to the same high standards as PSA-accredited registers.



Option 3: Specialist Echocardiographer Register



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To apply:

- Create an account via the AHCS website
- Submit evidence of completing the **NSHCS Echocardiography Training Programme**
- Agree to uphold the standards in **Good Scientific Practice and Standards of Proficiency**
- Your name, title, specialty, and location will be publicly listed unless there are safety concerns



Option 3: Specialist Echocardiographer Register



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Echocardiographer Register**



Benefits of Registration



- Recognition of your professional contribution
- Demonstrates commitment to high standards and continued competence
- Provides assurance to employers, patients, and the public
- Aligns your practice with nationally agreed standards
- Access to professional resources like:
 - Registrants' Newsletter
 - Training opportunities
 - AHCS Leadership Journal



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- Full registration guidance
- Equivalence assessment details
- Access to Good Scientific Practice and other key documents

