

Credential in Breast Disease Management for Breast Clinicians

Bringing forward training completion dates

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Related documents

- Credential in Breast Disease Management for Breast Clinicians: Curriculum
- Credential in Breast Disease Management for Breast Clinicians: Guidance for progression review
- Credential in Breast Disease Management for Breast Clinicians: Templates for progression review notifications

Introduction

The Credential in Breast Disease Management for Breast Clinicians is a capability-based programme. The curriculum sets out indicative durations for each stage of training but acknowledges that learners will have a range of prior experience and acquire capabilities at different rates. Where a learner is progressing ahead of indicative timescales, the training end date may be brought forward with the agreement of the credential Progression Review Panel.

Any decision to bring forward the training end date must be based on evidence of progression and consider the impact of early completion on other staff and the clinical service. An agreement to bring forward the training end date does not alter any contractual obligations, which should be discussed separately with the employer.

All applications to bring forward the training completion date must be submitted to the Progression Review Panel by the educational supervisor (ES). Applications would normally be made as part of the penultimate progression review however may be considered at other points in training. The minimum duration by which the training completion date can be brought forward is 3 months. Learners and supervisors should note that all panel reviews, including those for learners for whom training completion dates are being brought forward, are undertaken at set dates, typically twice a year. Ad hoc panel reviews are not routinely conducted.

It is a requirement that the learner and their ES will have discussed early completion of training before it is raised formally with the Progression Review Panel, and that support from the ES is documented in the ES structured report. The following conditions would need to be met for an application for early completion to be approved:

- There have been no significant concerns about the learner's clinical or professional progress, and they have completed all required assessments.
- The evidence of progress documented in the learner's e-portfolio indicates that the learner will have achieved all curriculum capabilities to the required level at least 3 months before the training completion date.

Submitting a request

When applying at the penultimate progression review, the application can be made using the ES structured report form. The ES will be asked at the end of the form whether they are applying to bring forward the training completion date. If answering "Yes" they will be asked for the duration by which they wish to bring forward this date. The Progression Review Panel will consider the application as part of their review of the learner.

If you wish to apply outside of the penultimate progression review or to bring forward the date of the next progression review, please contact training@rcr.ac.uk.

Notification of decision

The decision of the progression review panel with regards to an application to bring forward the training completion date will be recorded on the e-portfolio via the progression review outcome form and the learner and ES will be notified by email.

The final decision rests with the Postgraduate Dean or nominated deputy and cannot be appealed.

