

Cervical Sample Taker Initial Training



Course information

The NHS Cervical Screening Programme (NHSCSP) requires that all cytology sample takers have undertaken appropriate training in the cervical screening programme and sample taking technique. North of England Pathology Screening & Education Centre (NEPSEC) currently offers the basic training course in cervical cytology sample taking and has recognised accreditation from the Royal College of Nursing for the theoretical elements. The NEPSEC course adheres to the **NHSCSP Guidance for the Training of Cervical Sample Takers February 2020** as a minimum.

The course is not intended to be used for three yearly update training for experienced sample takers – that training is provided separately or available elsewhere

Outline content

The training is in two parts – a theoretical course plus a period of mentored practical training. Theoretical study is delivered as a two-day face-to-face course.

For an overview of the course structure, please see the template course [programme](#)

Practical training will take place in the trainee's place of work and must be supervised by an appropriate nominated mentor. Trainees must also visit a cytology laboratory and a colposcopy clinic local to their practice during their training. **All training must be completed within a nine-month period, and it is important that students and their employers do not underestimate the level of commitment this programme of learning requires.**

Course details

Course Provider	Venue	Date & Time	Number of places available
NEPSEC	3, Silkwood Business Park, Fryers Way, Wakefield WF5 9TJ	TBC	TBC

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