



The Royal College of Pathologists  
Pathology: the science behind the cure

# **Life Sciences HSST Research Project**

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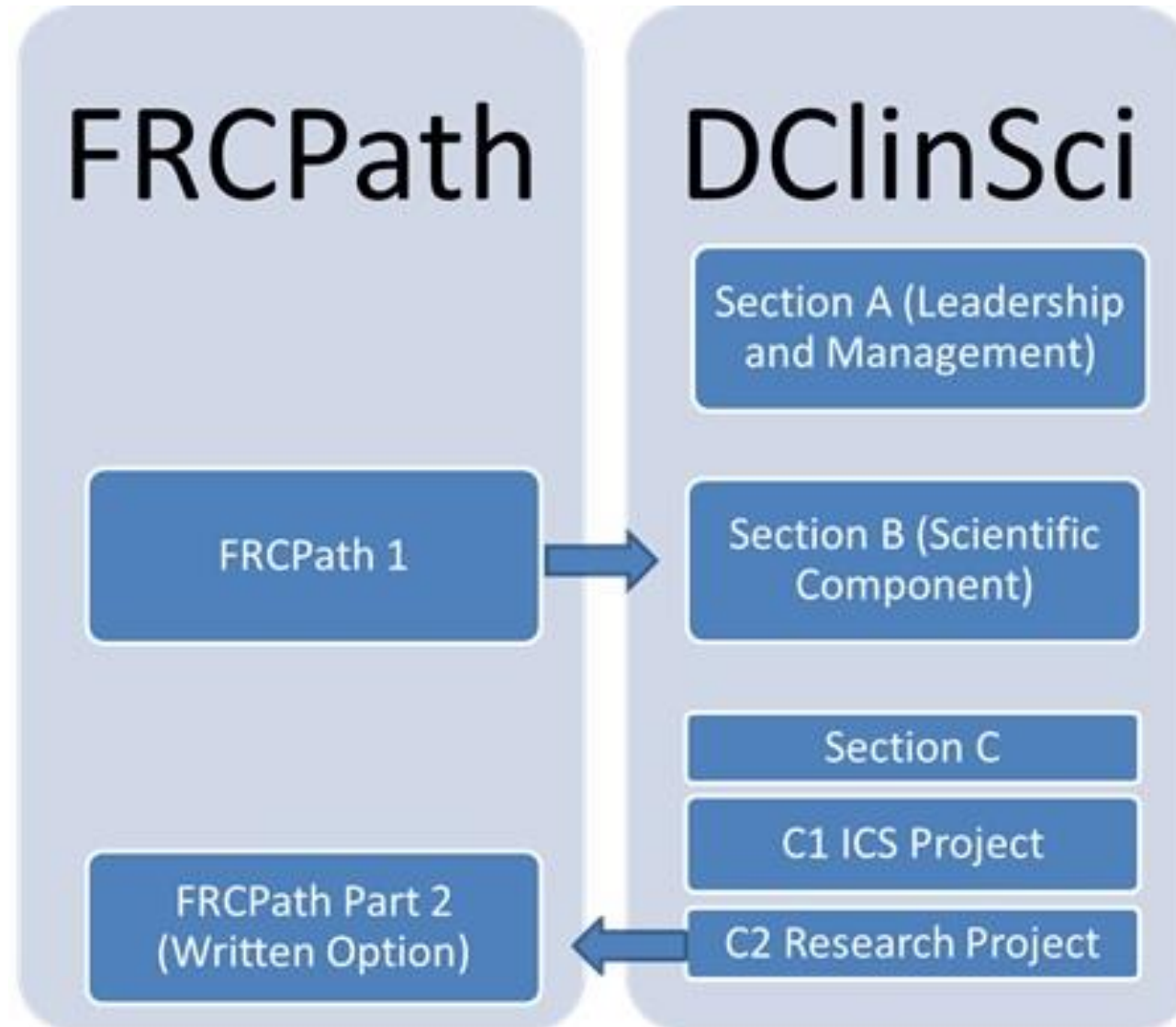
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- Memorandum of Understanding signed between the University of Manchester, Manchester Metropolitan University and the Royal College of Pathologists.
- Represents a partnership for the provision of the Life Sciences theme within the Doctor of Clinical Science (DClinSci) programmes as part of the Higher Specialist Scientist Training Programme (HSST).

# FRCPath/DClinSci/ICS

- MAHSE partner Universities will accept a pass in the FRCPath Part 1 examination in a relevant specialty in place of the Professional Doctorate (DClinSci) Section B.
- The Royal College of Pathologists will accept the research component of the Professional Doctorate (DClinSci) in a relevant specialty as the written option for the FRCPath Part 2.
- The NSHCS has clarified that the trainees can utilise elements from FRCPath Part 2 and/or the DClinSci Section C as the basis of their ICS Project report.

# FRCPath and DCLinSci



# FRCPath examinations

- Two sessions a year – Spring and Autumn
- Applications period
  - December to beginning of January (Spring session)
  - June to beginning of July (Autumn session)
- FRCPath Part 1: March and September (all on same day)
- FRCPath Part 2: March – April or September – November (depends on the specialty)

# Apply online

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations/exam-apply-and-pay-online.html>. The page header features the RCPATH logo and navigation links for UK Regions, International Regions, and MyRCPath. A dark navigation bar contains menu items for PATHOLOGY, TRAINEES, PROFESSION, and SPECIALIST AREA, along with links for 'About the College' and 'MY RCPATH'. The main content area is titled 'APPLY AND PAY ONLINE' and includes breadcrumb navigation: HOME PAGE > TRAINEES > EXAMINATIONS > APPLY AND PAY ONLINE. The text states that all candidates must read the Examinations Regulations and Guidelines. It also mentions that candidates are allowed four attempts at each component of the examination. A teal callout box highlights that completed applications for additional attempts must be submitted by Friday 22 December to be considered by Council on February 1 2018. Below this, there is a section for 'ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS GUIDANCE' with two document links: 'Additional Attempts Guidance' and 'Appendix to additional attempt request'. A footer banner for 'EXAMINATION CCCC 2018' is visible at the bottom left.

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## APPLY AND PAY ONLINE

All candidates **must** read the Examinations Regulations and Guidelines plus the relevant Regulations for their specialty before applying for an examination.

All candidates are allowed four attempts at each component of the examination. Any candidate who would like to resit an exam more than four times must get their Educational Supervisor (or equivalent) to complete and submit the forms below for the College Council. Each case will be considered by a Mitigating Circumstances Panel and the Director of Examinations before a case will be presented to Council. Applicants are advised to submit this paperwork at least six weeks before Council meets.

Completed applications for additional attempts must be submitted by **Friday 22 December** to be considered by Council on February 1 2018.

### ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS GUIDANCE

- Additional Attempts Guidance
- Appendix to additional attempt request

EXAMINATION CCCC 2018  
<https://www.rcpath.org/international.html>

# 2018 dates

<b>Spring session</b>	<b>19 March – 27 April</b>
<b>FRCPATH Part 1 in Clinical Biochemistry, Microbiology &amp; Virology, Transfusion Science and Immunology only</b>	<b>20 March</b>
<b>FRCPATH Part 2 in <u>all</u> HSST specialties (varying dates)</b>	
<b>Results</b>	<b>18 May</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>	<b>24 September – 2 November</b>
<b>Closing date for applications</b>	<b>6 July</b>
<b>FRCPATH Part 1 in <u>all</u> HSST specialties</b>	<b>25 September</b>
<b>FRCPATH Part 2 in Clinical Biochemistry, Microbiology, Virology and Immunology only (varying dates)</b>	
<b>Results</b>	<b>23 November</b>

# Examination dates

The screenshot shows the website for The Royal College of Pathologists. The main navigation bar includes 'Discover PATHOLOGY', 'For TRAINEES', 'For the PROFESSION', and 'In your SPECIALIST AREA'. The breadcrumb trail is 'HOME PAGE > TRAINEES > EXAMINATIONS > EXAMINATIONS NEWS ...'. The page title is 'SPRING 2018 EXAMINATION DATES'. The main content area contains the following text:

The closing date for applications is **Friday 5 January 2018**. Whilst we aim to have all examination dates finalised ahead of the closing deadline, for some examinations this will depend on the number of candidates and so the dates for these may only be finalised after the application closing date. Once known, dates will be published here.

The examination period will be from **Monday 19 March to Friday 27 April**.

**All Part 1 and Diploma written examinations, the Combined Infection Certificate Examination (CICE) and the Certificate of Medical Genetics taking place on Tuesday 20 March.**

Results will be issued on **Friday 18 May**.

Available dates for Part 2 examinations can be found below. If your specialty is not listed below, the dates have not yet been confirmed and will be published once they are.

**Certificate in Higher Autopsy Training OSPE:** Friday 20th April

**Clinical Biochemistry Part 2 Module 1 (OSPE and Practical):** Tuesday 17th April

**Clinical Biochemistry Part 2 Module 2 (Written paper and Oral):** Wednesday 18th April

**Genetics Clinical Cytogenetics Oral Part 2 Old Format:** Monday 9th April

The right-hand sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Training, Assessment, Examinations (expanded), Stage A Examination, Examinations by specialty, Regulations, guidelines and policies, Apply and Pay Online, Examination results, Examinations news and dates (expanded), Spring 2018 Examination Dates, Autumn 2018 Examination Dates, BMS Examinations - Histopathology, and Cost of training.



# Exam changes

**Reproductive Science: FRCPATH Part 1 practical moved into FRCPATH Part 2 from Autumn 2017.**

**Genetics: FRCPATH Part 1 practical moving into FRCPATH Part 2 with effect from Spring 2018**

**H&I: New format Part 1 written from Autumn 2017 and FRCPATH Part 1 practical moving into FRCPATH Part 2 from Spring 2018**

**Molecular Pathology of Acquired Disease FRCPATH Part 2 introduced in Autumn 2017**

# Exam changes

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# Useful web links for exams

- Exams homepage:  
<https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations.html>
- Spring 2018 dates:  
<https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations/examinations-latest-news-and-calendar/spring-2018-examination-dates.html>
- Autumn 2018 dates:  
<https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations/examinations-latest-news-and-calendar/autumn-2017-examination-dates.html>
- Apply and pay online:  
<https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations/exam-apply-and-pay-online.html>

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