

Course eligibility

Course Name	Suitability
Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS) Instructor	<p>This course is suitable for those who have been nominated as having <i>ATLS</i>® Instructor Potential (IP) within the last two years and meet the eligibility requirements.</p> <p>This status can only be gained after taking the ATLS® course or the ATLS® Reverification course.</p>
Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS) Provider	<p>This course is only suitable for doctors at FY2 grade and above, equivalent staff grades, eligible advanced clinical practitioners (ACP) and eligible hospital-based dentists.</p> <p>ACPs can check their eligibility for the course with their local <i>ATLS</i>® centre or the RCS.</p> <p>A hospital-based dentist must check their eligibility for the course with the RCS.</p>
Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS) Reverification	<p>This course is open to <i>ATLS</i>® providers who regularly manage severely injured patients and who have taken the <i>ATLS</i>® course within the last four and a half years.</p> <p>Providers who do not regularly manage severely injured patients should reverify by attending the full two-day <i>ATLS</i>® Provider course. The one-day course requires a high degree of familiarity with trauma resuscitation and uses the provider's own</p>

	<p>experiences to illustrate important principles of trauma management.</p> <p>Reverification of your ATLS® provider status must happen no later than six months after your status lapses (which happens four years after you take the course).</p> <p>If you wait any longer than six months, you will need to re-take the full two-day ATLS® course</p>
Advanced Trauma Nursing Course (ATNC) Instructor	<p>This course is suitable for those who have been nominated as having ATNC Instructor Potential (IP) within the last two years and meet the eligibility requirements.</p> <p>This status can only be gained after taking the ATNC Provider course.</p>
Advanced Trauma Nursing Course (ATNC) Provider	<p>This course is suitable for Registered Nurses working in trauma teams. However, to meet the educational needs of a changing workforce in trauma teams it is possible for health care professional from other groups (e.g. Paramedics and Operating Department Practitioners) to complete ATNC.</p> <p>These professionals must have current registration with the Healthcare Professionals Council (HCPC) and be working as part of a hospital-based trauma team on a regular basis, with responsibilities for the ongoing care of the patient as part of the trauma call. These professionals need to be aware and accept that the ATNC curriculum will not be adapted from its core focus on training</p>

	nurses to care for the seriously injured patient and their family.
Advanced Trauma Nursing Course (ATNC) Reverification	<p>This course is open to ATNC providers who work in trauma teams and who have taken the ATNC within the last four and a half years.</p> <p>You must be a registered nurse or a health care professional from other groups (e.g. Paramedics and Operating Department Practitioners).</p> <p>These professionals must have current registration with the Healthcare Professionals Council (HCPC) and be working as part of a hospital-based trauma team on a regular basis, with responsibilities for the ongoing care of the patient as part of the trauma call. These professionals need to be aware and accept that the ATNC curriculum will not be adapted from its core focus on training nurses to care for the seriously injured patient and their family.</p> <p>Reverification of your ATNC provider status must happen no later than six months after your status lapses (which happens four years after you take the course).</p> <p>If you wait any longer than six months, you will need to re-take the full three-day ATNC to reverify your status.</p>
Basic Surgical Skills (BSS)	<p>Basic surgical skills is a practical, workshop-led course designed to teach fundamental surgical techniques. Each skill is introduced through a step-by-step demonstration, followed by hands-on practice.</p> <p>This course is ideal for:</p>

	<p>Foundation doctors (FY1–FY3) Core surgical trainees (CT1, CT2) Healthcare professionals looking to build or refresh essential surgical skills Foundation doctors preparing for core surgical training interviews Candidates preparing for the MRCS Part B exam.</p> <p>SCPs may attend the BSS course to meet the syllabus requirements for Intraoperative Skills.</p>
Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient® (CCrISP)	<p>This course is suitable for: CT1-2 and SAS grades.</p> <p>Senior trainees are also welcome to attend a CCrISP course if they have not done so before.</p> <p>Please note that FY1 trainees are not eligible to attend this course and should attend the Systematic Training in Acute Illness and Recognition and Treatment for Surgery (START Surgery) course instead.</p> <p>FY2 trainees are not permitted to attend until they reach the final 2 months of their placement (June/July).</p> <p>FY2 trainees should be aware that the course has been designed specifically for CTs so they may find the face-to-face sessions challenging. All participants should take care to prepare as thoroughly as possible for the best chance of passing the course.</p>

Core Skills in Laparoscopic Surgery (Core Lap)	<p>This course is suitable for: CT1-2 and ST3-4 and SAS grades.</p> <p>SCPs may attend the Core Lap course to contribute to the syllabus requirements for theoretical knowledge and clinical/technical skills in relation to general surgery.</p>
CCrISP Instructor	<p>To take the CCrISP Instructor course, you need to hold a post at ST5 or above. You do not need to hold the CCrISP qualification itself to take the Instructor course.</p> <p>It is helpful but not essential for you to have some prior experience in delivering medical training.</p>
Definitive Surgical Trauma Skills (DSTS)	<p>This course is suitable for: ST5-8, consultants and SAS grades.</p> <p>Participants should have a good understanding of ATLS and critical care principles and experience of managing trauma both frequently and infrequently.</p>
Excellence in Surgical Supervision (ESS)	<p>This course is designed for senior trainees (ST7–8), consultants and SAS grades who are, or who are about to become, designated clinical or educational supervisors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development; • Consultant; • SAS; • ST7 and ST8;
Intermediate Skills in Laparoscopic Surgery (Inter Lap)	<p>This course is suitable for: ST3-5 and SAS grades. If you lack core skills in laparoscopic surgery, we also run a Core Skills in Laparoscopic Surgery Course.</p>

Pre-hospital and Emergency Department Resuscitative Thoracotomy (PERT)	This course is suitable for: CT2, ST3-8 and SAS grades.
Post Graduate Certificate in Surgery	<p>The PGCert in Surgery is designed for FY1-2, CT1-2 and members of the surgical care team working at that level. It is particularly suitable if you are preparing to take the MRCS exam and will enhance any application for specialty selection.</p> <p>To be eligible, you must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in a healthcare-related subject and have access to an appropriate supervisor with whom you can discuss your progress.</p>
Specialty Skills in Emergency Surgery and Trauma (SSET)	<p>This course is suitable for: FY2, CT1-2, senior paediatric trainees and SAS grades.</p> <p>We strongly recommended completing the Basic Surgical Skills (BSS) course before taking this course.</p>
Surgical Skills for Students and Health Professionals (SSSHP)	This course is aimed at medical students. It is also suitable for health professionals who carry out basic skills like knotting and suturing, such as Operating Department Practitioners and Surgical First Assistants. It may also be useful for allied health professionals who are considering moving into a career relating to surgery. SCPs may attend the SSSHP course to contribute to the syllabus requirements for Intraoperative Skills.
Systematic Training in Acute illness Recognition and Treatment (START)	This course is suitable for Foundation Year doctors although final year medical students and advanced care practitioners may also find it helpful.

	<p>SCPs may attend the START course to meet the syllabus requirements for Clinical Method in Surgical Practice, Perioperative Care, Critical Care & Core Clinical Capabilities.</p>
<p>Training the Trainers: Developing Teaching Skills (TTT)</p>	<p>This course is suitable for all career grades, speciality and specialist surgeons (SAS), locally employed doctors (LED), dental surgeons and the extended surgical and allied health team. It has been designed for anyone involved in the delivery of surgical and dental training, either locally or as a member of faculty.</p>