NEPSEC North of England Pathology and Screening Education Centre

NHSCSP Diploma in Cervical Cytology Examination Preparation Course

Course Ref: PR-EX-0127

Dates: 11th – 14th January 2027

Venue: Wakefield

Further information and application forms for any of our courses are available from our Administration Team:

Administration:

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The North of England Pathology Screening & Education Centre (NEPSEC) Pre-Examination Course is a four-day course designed for both BMS grades and Cytology Screeners who are intending to sit the Certificate in Cervical Cytology examination.

This intensive course consists of preparation and practice in both practical and written components, followed by a mock examination. In addition to advice on practical and written examination technique, there is access to the teaching slide collection and test material.

The course is open to anyone intending to sit the examination, but priority will be given to those who have a definite examination date.

Students are reminded that they should bring their portfolio to the course for review and signing as needed.

Microscopes

Although ergonomic microscopes are provided and all discussion sessions are on our 18 headed Olympus multiheaded microscope. Participants can and are encouraged to bring their own microscopes if they wish.

COURSE TUTOR

Peter Heptinstall
Consultant BMS
Training Centre Manager, NEPSEC

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Certificate in Cervical Cytology Preparation Course

Day 1	**Exam practice & technique - Written component**
09.00 - 9.15	Registration
09.15 – 09.45	About the exam: Format and rules
09.45 – 10.45	Mock written test 1
10.45 – 11.00	Break
10.45 –11.15	Review of test 1
11.15 – 12.15	Mock written test 2
Lunch	
13.15	Review of test 2
14:00	Review of your portfolio
14:30	The syllabus
15.00	Break
15.30	Private study
16.30	Close

Day 2	**Exam practice & technique – Practical**
09.30 – 10.50	Screening part 1
11.10 – 12.30	Screening part 2
Lunch	
13.30 – 14.30	Slide review
14.30 – 15.00	Setting up a microscope
15.00	Private study (Text books, references, guidelines or slides)
16.00	Close

Day 3	**Mock Examination**
09.00 – 10.00	Written paper
10.15 – 11.35	Screening part 1
12.00 – 13.20	Screening part 2
Lunch	
14.00	Review
16.30	Close

Day 4	**Mock Examination**
09.00 – 10.00	Written paper
10.15 – 11.35	Screening part 1
12.00 – 13.20	Screening part 2
Lunch	
14.00pm	Review
16.30	Close

Cost:

NHS BMS Participants attending from the North West, North East, Yorkshire, East Midlands regions and West Midlands will incur a £15 per day administration fee only.
General Course Fee for others: £100.00 per day
Tea & coffee are included unless otherwise stated in your final confirmation e-mail

Further details and an application form are available from our administration team;
Tel: 0113 246 6330 (Wakefield)
E-mail: sht-tr.nepsec@nhs.net

Venues

Wakefield:

NEPSEC, Unit 3 Wakefield Office Village, Fryers Way Silkwood Park, Wakefield WF5 9TJ

The centre is situated in a commercial site in Silkwood Park close to Junction 40 of the M1. We are 20 miles from Leeds Bradford airport, 13 miles from Leeds City railway station and just 2 miles from both Wakefield railway stations.

Directions can be found here: -

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