



Amnesty project

Certificate in Clinician Performed Ultrasound (CCPU)

Neonatal Ultrasound

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1.0 Introduction

The Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM) is the premier multidisciplinary not for profit society advancing the clinical practice of diagnostic medical ultrasound for the highest standards of patient care. The Certificate in Clinician Performed Ultrasound (CCPU) is offered by ASUM as a credential for medical practitioners who are not imaging specialists but who use ultrasound as a diagnostic tool at the point of care. The ASUM Board of Directors will award a CCPU to those candidates who have met the passing standard of all components of the program and have been endorsed by the ASUM CCPU/CAHPU Board. Except for the neonatal units, all other units are general in nature.

2.0 Scope

The Amnesty project pertains to all Neonatal clinicians who hold a primary medical degree approved by the ASUM Council and the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) or Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) and are registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or with the Medical Council of New Zealand.

It is the responsibility of each candidate and supervisor to ensure they read and understand the CCPU regulations and all other associated ASUM policies. E.g. [The ASUM Code of Conduct and Consent](#) and the [Academic Misconduct / Plagiarism Policy](#). Any requests outside of these regulations will require CCPU/CAHPU Board approval.

3.0 Purpose

To recognise Neonatal clinicians, who had never engaged with the ASUM CCPU, their experience and continue work in the Neonatal ultrasound clinical setting to be granted the CCPU Neonatal certificate within their scope of practice.

This will help to monitor the standards of scanning and training across AU and NZ, unify the scanning system and help clinicians to be accredited for scanning as CCPU, as hospitals introduce a more rigorous credentialing process.

4.0 Eligibility

4.1 Be a financial Medical Member of ASUM

4.2 Hold a primary medical degree approved by the ASUM Council and the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) or Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) as a consultant neonatologist (not open for trainees)

4.3 Be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or with the Medical Council of New Zealand

4.4 Be practicing ultrasound in the relevant field of Study (Cardiac, Cranial, Lung) for at least 5 years.

4.5 Evidence of ongoing scanning, at least 10 scans in last 12 months.

4.6 Have performed over 100 scans in the scope of practice (Cardiac, Cranial, Lung)

5.0 Admission

To apply for the amnesty project, candidates must submit to the education team, via email: education@asum.com.au, the required documents per unit and pay the prescribed fee on the ASUM Learn portal. (Invoice will be sent to the candidate's nominated email address)

Only completed applications will be considered and ASUM reserves the right to refuse or return incomplete applications.

6.0 Fees

Amnesty fee: \$332.

Clinicians who apply for the amnesty project will receive in their nominated email address; an invoice sent via ASUM Learn with the instructions on how to pay the invoice.

7.0 Documentation requirements

All applicants must submit the following documentation:

7.1 A letter of support from their cardiology department director/Supervisor or recognised Neonatal CCPU supervisor, confirming the clinician performs ultrasound scans of the CCPU unit applying for, as a routine part of their practice

7.2 A qualified primary supervisor. Supervisor form available [here](#)

7.3 A Logbook (only ASUM logbook template available on the website) with 20 contemporaneously reviewed scans over a minimum period of 18 months. (extensions would need to be considered on an individual needs basis by the committee)

* Logbook must be per CCPU unit specifying the name of the unit. Combined logbooks for multiple units will not be accepted.

7.4 At completion, submit DICOM images of 3 scans with accompanying clinical documentation as per standard CCPU.

7.5 Complete the Physics module on the ASUM Learn portal (this will be activated once the fee has been paid)



8.0 Process

Once the candidate has submitted the paperwork to the ASUM Education team, requirements will be reviewed by the CCPU Board and Neonatal Reference Group (for Neonatal units only). They will determine the decision and the Education team will communicate this to the candidate via email.

The certificate will be generated and posted to the candidate's nominated postal address.

9.0 Certificate granting

Candidates will receive a Certificate in Clinician Performed Ultrasound listing the unit/s they applied for.

They will receive a digital and a hard copy of the certificate.

The certificate has a validation for five (5) years from the date it is granted.

To become a CCPU supervisor, candidate must hold the certificate for more than 12 months.

10.0 Recertification

To support ongoing education to improve patient care, CCPU holders are required to recertify at five-yearly intervals after the initial certification date recorded on the issued CCPU certificate. Recertification will require presentation of the requisite evidence demonstrating that the candidate has met practice requirements and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements.

To achieve recertification the candidate must:

10.1 Continue to fulfil the conditions for Eligibility and Admission to the CCPU.

10.2 Record at least five (5) points of relevant CPD per year for each specialist unit. The maximum number of CPD points required per year for each candidate is a total of fifteen (15) points.

10.3 The recertification logbook must include the minimum number of required studies, to be completed in the 24 months prior to your recertification deadline, as listed in Appendix 2 on the [CCPU regulations](#).

10.3.1 All scans must be clinically indicated, and the logbook must be submitted to ASUM with your recertification application.

10.3.2 Supervised scans can be included in your recertification logbook if the following criteria are met:

10.3.2.1 You directly supervised the scan, this is clearly indicated in the logbook along with the name of the trainee and both your name and the trainee's name are logged on the ultrasound machine/report.

10.4 Recertification will only be given for those specialised units where recertification requirements have been met.

10.5 A CCPU holder who fails to meet the recertification requirements will be removed from the ASUM CCPU certified list and will be required to forgo the use of the post-nominals.

10.6 The recertification grace period is 3 years after the original recertification due date.

11.0 Return to practice

A CCPU holder will cease to be current if they:

11.1 Cease to be a member or clinical affiliate of the ASUM; or

11.2 Fail to meet the requirements for recertification.

In the case of an expired CCPU (3 years after the original recertification due date), the applicant will need to complete the return to practice form and provide evidence of current practice as outlined in section 9.0 Recertification above. The CCPU Board will review all applications at their next meeting and will determine an outcome.



APPENDIX 1 – DEFINITIONS

ASUM Board of Directors - Board of Directors of ASUM, a publicly listed company by guarantee.

ASUM CCPU/CAHPU Board - ASUM Board of Directors subcommittee awarded delegation to oversee development, implementation and decisions pertaining to the CCPU and CAHPU programs.

Clinically indicated - the symptoms or condition that substantiates the necessity for further investigation by an ultrasound scan.

Current CCPU holder – a financial member who has completed all the CCPU requirements in the first instance and complies with recertification as outlined in section 13.

Unit - module of study as outlined in the CCPU program.

Primary Supervisor - The nominated primary supervisor is responsible for conducting all CCPU assessments and signing off the completion of the CCPU logbook.