

## **Joint statement regarding course requirements during the pandemic**

FUSIC and FAMUS recognise the difficulties that COVID-19 has caused for point of care ultrasound training. In particular, the delivery of approved courses is likely to be extremely limited for the next few months at least.

We believe that face-to-face courses are extremely valuable. And wherever socially-distanced courses are available, attendance should be encouraged. However, we have decided to temporarily suspend mandatory course attendance from our training pathways, effective immediately.

We will keep the course requirement under regular review, and do expect them to return as a key part of our accreditation process in the future.

In the meantime, it is expected the direct supervision time 'lost' by not attending a course will be made up through increased contact time with a Supervisor or Mentor, particularly during the early stages of accreditation. This will ensure that the core skills for each module can be embedded early, and that candidates will not be disadvantaged.

All other training requirements remain the same, including the e-learning modules which should be prioritised early in accreditation. There is a wealth of learning materials and information available via the [FUSIC](https://www.fusic.ac.uk) and [FAMUS](https://www.famus.ac.uk) websites. For any queries please visit the websites or contact [fusic@ics.ac.uk](mailto:fusic@ics.ac.uk) or [famus@acutemedicine.org.uk](mailto:famus@acutemedicine.org.uk).