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### Save Face Set Essential Training Curriculum Standards for Registrants

In 2016, as the first voluntary register to be accredited by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) in this specialism, the standards related to education and training posed a challenge, given the landscape and the scope of the changes recommended by Health Education England.

At the time, new qualifications were not widely available. By 2017, OFQUAL approved Level 7 qualifications and University courses were available but in the absence of national curriculum standards, the PSA required us to set our own.

As we enter our second year of PSA accreditation, Save Face has developed Essential Training Curriculum Standards (ETCS) for those procedures that pose the highest risk (as identified by an audit of consumer and patient complaints).

We are delighted to announce that the ETCS has been approved by The PSA. In addition, leading insurer Cosmetic Insure will recognise the Save Face ETCS and offer reduced premiums to Save Face registrants.

For the first time, the ETCS will enable practitioners without Level 7 or University awards, to benchmark their knowledge and skills against a PSA recognised standard. It is a self-assessment tool, to map against training courses, CPD activities and self-directed learning. It ensures our registrants can be certified as having the knowledge and skills as defined in the curriculum, to competently deliver these treatments.

In combination with the Save Face Accreditation, the ETCS is another method that our registrants can utilise to differentiate themselves from the multitude of laypeople offering these treatments and claiming to be 'qualified'. Save Face ONLY recognizes healthcare professions able to prescribe within the scope of aesthetic practice. The ETCS certificate will only be awarded to Save Face registrants, though the standard itself is accessible to all.

Practitioner profiles will indicate which qualification route a practitioner has taken, with simple badges. [The badges will link to further detail and enable members of the public to better understand the differences between the various routes of training whilst assuring a fundamental standard of knowledge and performance skills have been met.](#)



All practitioners applying for registration with Save Face are required to provide evidence of training, verifiable CPD and experience, patient testimonials and maintain procedure logs for audit. Going forward practitioners will also complete a self-assessment against the ETCS and are also able to access an e-learning platform designed for the Level 7, at no extra cost, to undertake further learning, where gaps are identified.

In addition training providers may opt to complete an assessment process in order to join our list of recognised training providers. This process of audit and collaboration is intended to help practitioners plan training that supports them to meet ETCS and support training providers to design provision with this ETCS in mind.

It is not our intention to undermine the momentum towards structured, recognised qualifications regulated by OFQUAL and University courses at Level 7 in accordance with Health Education England recommendations. The ETCS is designed to prevent those who have taken the historical route, from being excluded unfairly. ETCS may be seen as a stepping stone to recognised qualifications via the RPL route, or to academic qualifications via the universities.

### Useful Links:

- [Video - Save Face Clinical Director Emma Davies Talking About the ETCS](#)
- [Save Face Essential Training Curriculum Standard for Botulinum Toxin](#)
- [Save Face Essential Training Curriculum Standard for Dermal Fillers](#)

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