

# Clear and consistent pathways with the flexibility organisations require.

## This matters because

1. Learners and employers can trust the value of our awards. We haven't moved the goalposts; a PGCert has always represented the same academic volume.
2. NHS Trusts can plan with confidence. A PGCert, PGDip, or MSc with ASI Wise carries consistent credit weights year on year.
3. Learners who trained years ago are not disadvantaged. Because of our consistency, past learning still maps directly onto today's MSc route.
4. Other providers have shifted award points, meaning the same title (PGCert or PGDip) may not represent the same learning volume across pathways. At ASI Wise, we have deliberately avoided this, ensuring clarity and fairness for learners and employers alike.

## Key Insights

1. ASI Wise offers two flexible, affordable routes to MSc:
  - a. Direct MSc Route: £8,062 (lowest overall cost).
  - b. ASI Wise Certificate → MSc Upgrade Route: £8,274 (admin fee slightly higher, allows staged entry and staged funding).
2. Both ASI Wise routes are cheaper than SIE's MSc (£8,790).
3. Value per credit is better with ASI Wise:
  - a. MSc with ASI Wise = £45.14/credit [includes the EASI]
  - b. MSc with SIE = £48.83/credit
4. Our Certificate Route is not a dead end. Learners can upgrade within 5 years, with previous learning fully recognised.
5. Consistency makes it possible. Because ASI Wise has never shifted award points, learners from earlier cohorts can still progress seamlessly.

## Emma's Learning Journey

Emma began her journey in 2018 as a Band 5 OT, completing the ASI1-ASI3 Certificate and learning SIPT with ASI Wise. By 2021, she had transitioned to the EASI on the ASI Wise part-sponsored conversion module. Then, with the support of her manager, Emma started an MSc pathway just after moving into a Band 6 role in 2023.



Emma's previous certificate route learning counted towards her MSc modules, allowing her to progress efficiently without repeating work or losing prior NHS Trust investment.

Currently, Emma is finishing her research and dissertation for the MSc Advancing Practice Sensory Integration. Her project is already informing local service improvements and supporting her progression into a new ED Band 7 role.

## Summary

ASI Wise offers learners and employers a clear, flexible path to professional development, recognising achievements whether students start with the certificate or upgrade later. Saving time, saving money – flexible pathways to accreditation for practice and advancing practice.

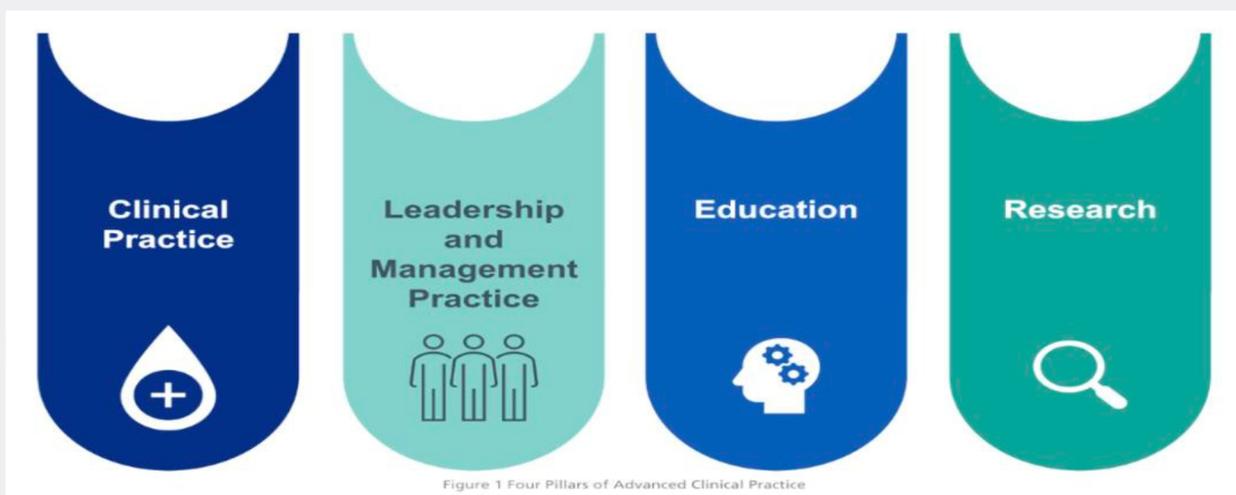


Figure 1 Four Pillars of Advanced Clinical Practice