



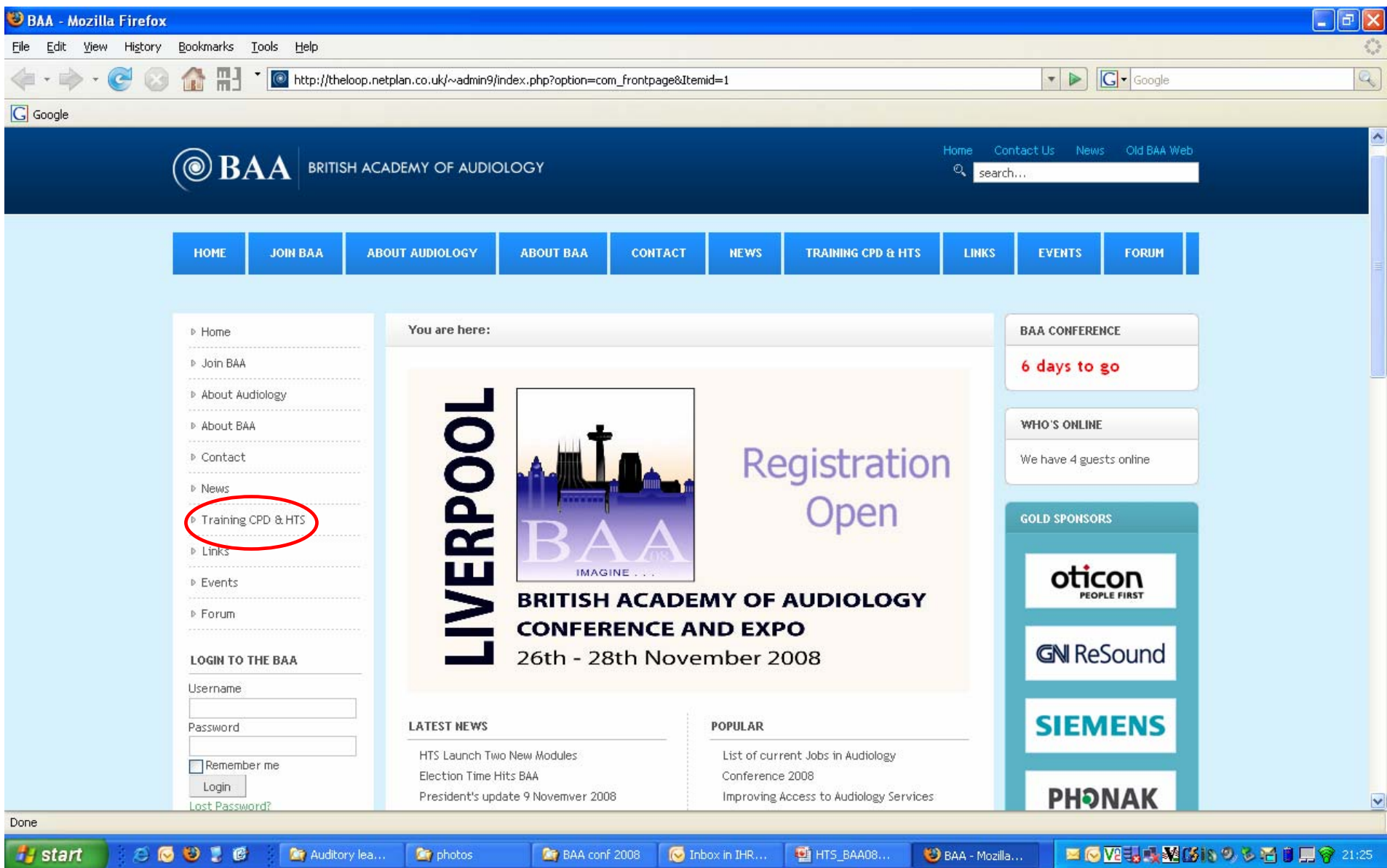
Overview of the Higher Training Scheme

Mel Ferguson
Chair HTS sub-committee

BAA conference 27th November 2008

Today's programme

9.15	Overview of the HTS	Mel Ferguson
9.45	HTS Clinical Modules	Helen Martin
10.15	HTS Non-clinical Modules	Penny Hill
10.30	A personal perspective on the HTS	Trevor Foster Danny Kearney Penny Hill
11.00	TEA	
11.40	HTS exams	John Day
12.00	HTS – the future	Mel Ferguson
12.15	Q&A + Quiz prize draw	All
12.30	Meet with the speakers	All – BAA stand



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Higher Training Scheme

Written by Administrator
Monday, 19 November 2007

Board Lead:- Amanda Casey

Interested in doing a higher training scheme module? *Then read this* [Download \(415.31 kB\)](#)

General Information about the Higher Training Scheme

- BAA Higher Training Scheme (HTS) - Summary: [Download \(60.21 kB\)](#)
- HTS Process - what you need to do: [Download \(35.8 kB\)](#)
- Regulations: [Download \(150.62 kB\)](#)
- Cost of Scheme: [Download \(73.5 kB\)](#)
- BAA Accredited Training Centres: [Download \(73.87 kB\)](#)
- FAQs for the Higher Training Scheme: [Download \(60.3 kB\)](#)

HTS Training Events

- Presentations from the UCL Information day:
- Welcome: [Download \(508.82 kB\)](#)
 - Overview: [Download \(508.82 kB\)](#)

BAA CONFERENCE

10 days to go

WHO'S ONLINE

We have 4 guests online

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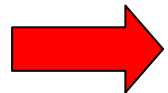


Training in audiology over the last decade



- BAAt parts I and II (no more; last exams dec 2008)
- Hearing Therapy diploma (no more)
- MSc audiology + CAC
- BSc audiology (2002)

Except for MSc graduates – no further formalised training



Higher Training Scheme (based on the CAC)

(November 2006)



Aim of HTS1



To ensure the availability of Audiologists with:

the required depth and breadth of up-to-date knowledge and competence to enable them to fulfil the needs of the higher practitioner roles (bands 6 and 7)

as defined by the Knowledge and Skills Framework and National Occupational Standards



Aim of HTS1



To ensure the profession has individuals who can lead and develop the science of audiology on national and international level, raising the profile of UK audiology

Advantages of the HTS

- Accessible to all (Band 5+ or equivalent)
 - ✓ No pre-requisite clinical experience
 - ✓ No pre-requisite qualifications (for most)
 - ✓ In-service training
- Flexibility
 - ✓ Choice of modules to suit your career
 - ✓ No time limits (CPD)
 - ✓ Portfolio based (CPD)

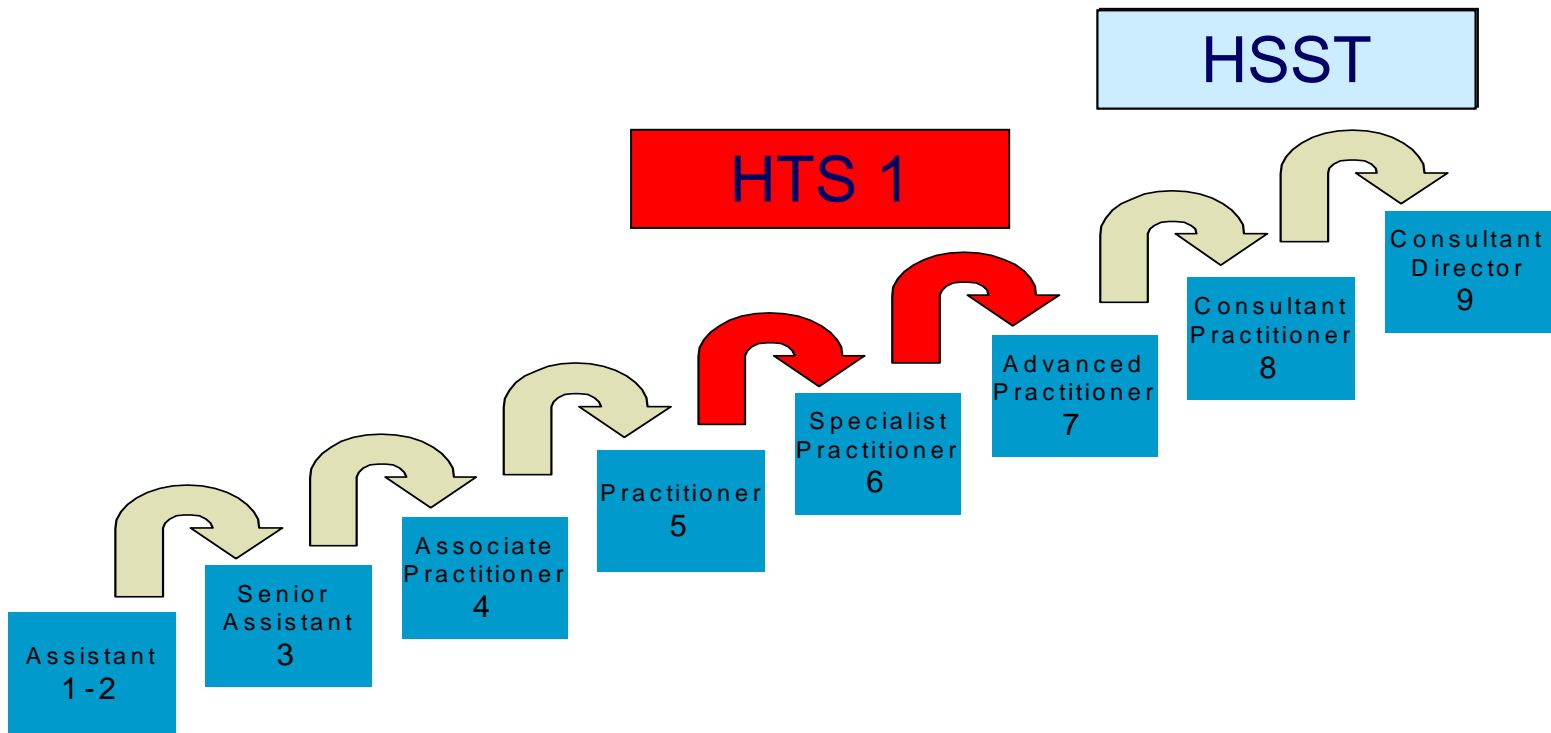


Advantages of the HTS



- ✓ 'Off the shelf' package, do not need to set up local training programmes
- ✓ Clearly documented training process
- ✓ Can also be used as KSF evidence
- ✓ Recognised qualification within the profession

Where does it fit in?



NB Not just for Band 5 and 6

Misconceptions

~~HTS is a course~~

~~Just for BSc Audiology graduates~~

~~Compulsory~~

~~Need to have/be qualified for 5+ years~~

~~Independent sector are excluded~~

~~Names: HCtP, HAAud~~

Modules



Clinical



Non-clinical



Theoretical knowledge



Awards



Clinical

BAA Higher Certificate
in Clinical Competence
(HCCC)

Non-clinical

BAA certificate

Theoretical
knowledge

Depends: M-level credits, attendance certificates etc

Awards

++++Big plus++++

Certified record of
achievement/experience

Depends: M-level credits, attendance certificates etc

Awards

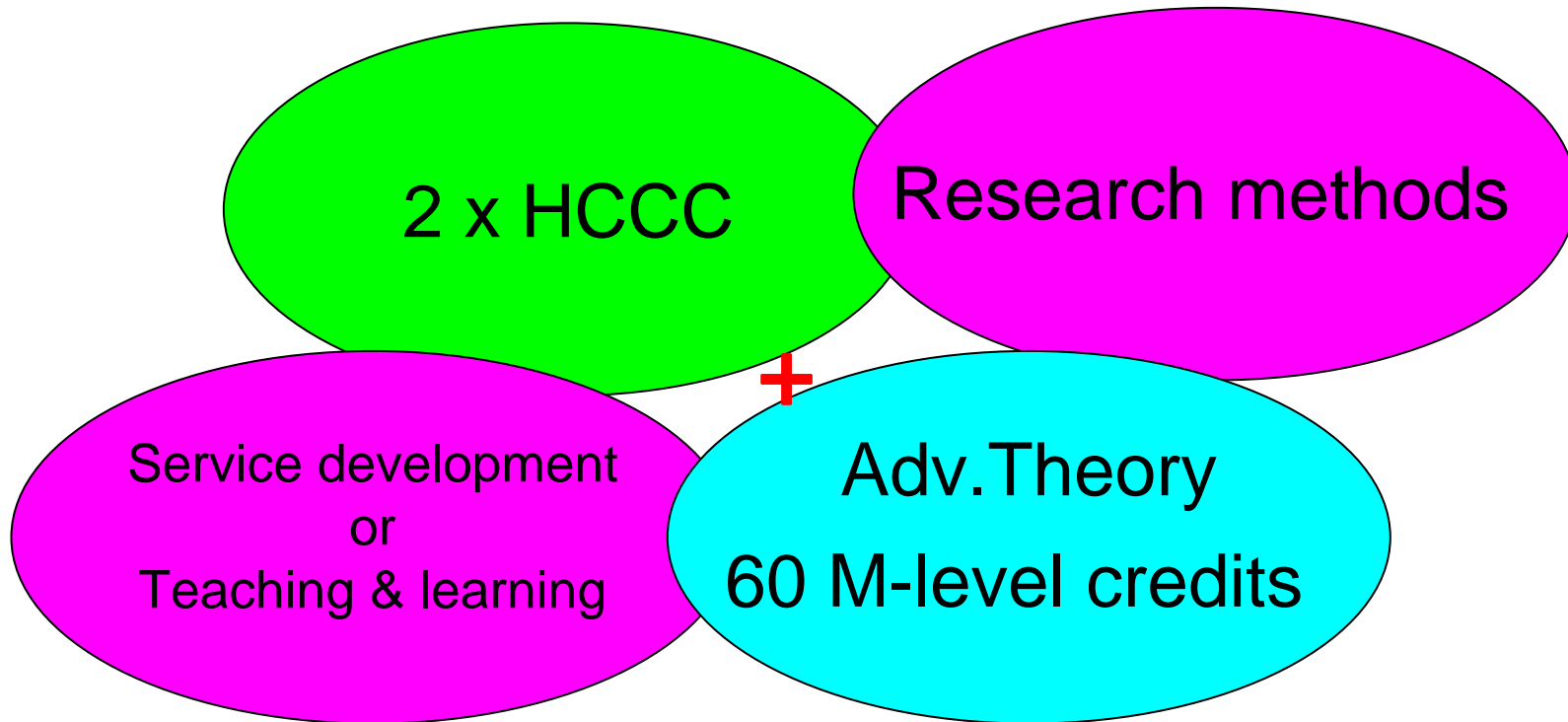


Clinical
BAA Higher Certificate
in
Higher Award in Audiology

Theoretical
knowledge

Depends. M-level credits, attendance certificates etc

Higher Award in Audiology (HAAud)



Recognition of achievement, not a qualification



HTS will replace CAC



- November 2007 ACS approved HTS as replacement for the CAC
- Time frame
 - December 2009 – CAC will cease to accept new trainees
 - Now – encourage current MSc students to do HTS (n= 4)
- Unify post-basic training across BAAt, BSc and MSc graduates
 - about time too!

Clinical Scientist's registration (HTS(CS))

4 years training period

3 x HCCC

Balance assess/rehab
Paed assess
Adult rehab & 1st

Research methods

Service development

MSc Audiology

180 M-level credits



Theoretical knowledge



- Need to gain the underpinning knowledge to support more advanced clinical and non-clinical roles

Theoretical knowledge

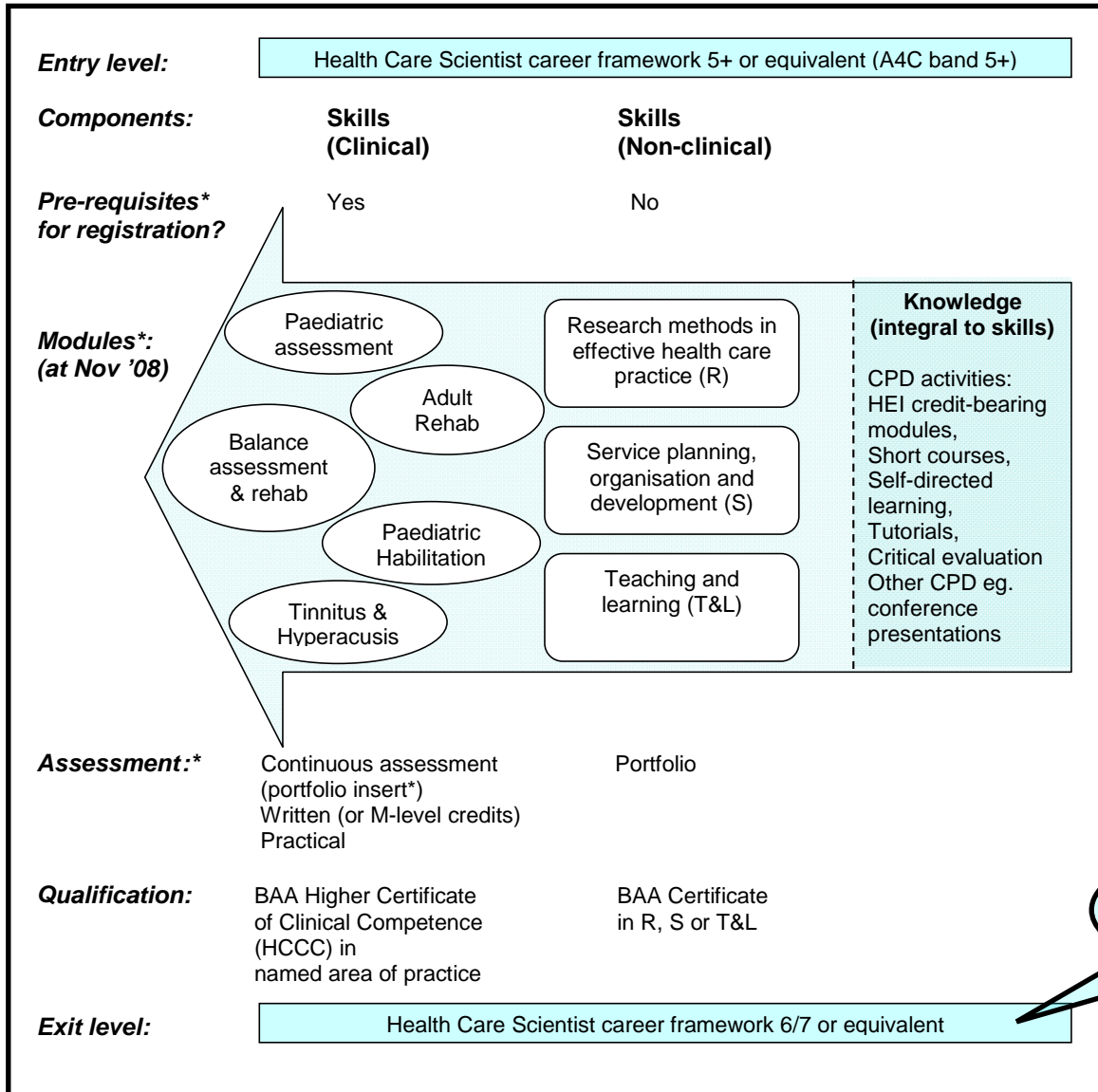
‘Underpinning knowledge’

- Entry point
- Needs equivalent to BSc Audiology level (‘H-level’)
- Do not have to have BSc, can gain through other means
 - Short courses
 - University modules
 - Self study & tutorials
 - Clinical training

‘Learning outcomes’

- Exit point
- Needs to be at M-level
- Do not have to complete MSc
 - M-level modules (10 credits covering 2/3rds of learning outcomes)
 - Short courses &/or self study plus written paper
- Learning outcomes as appendices in portfolio inserts (borrowed from HEI)

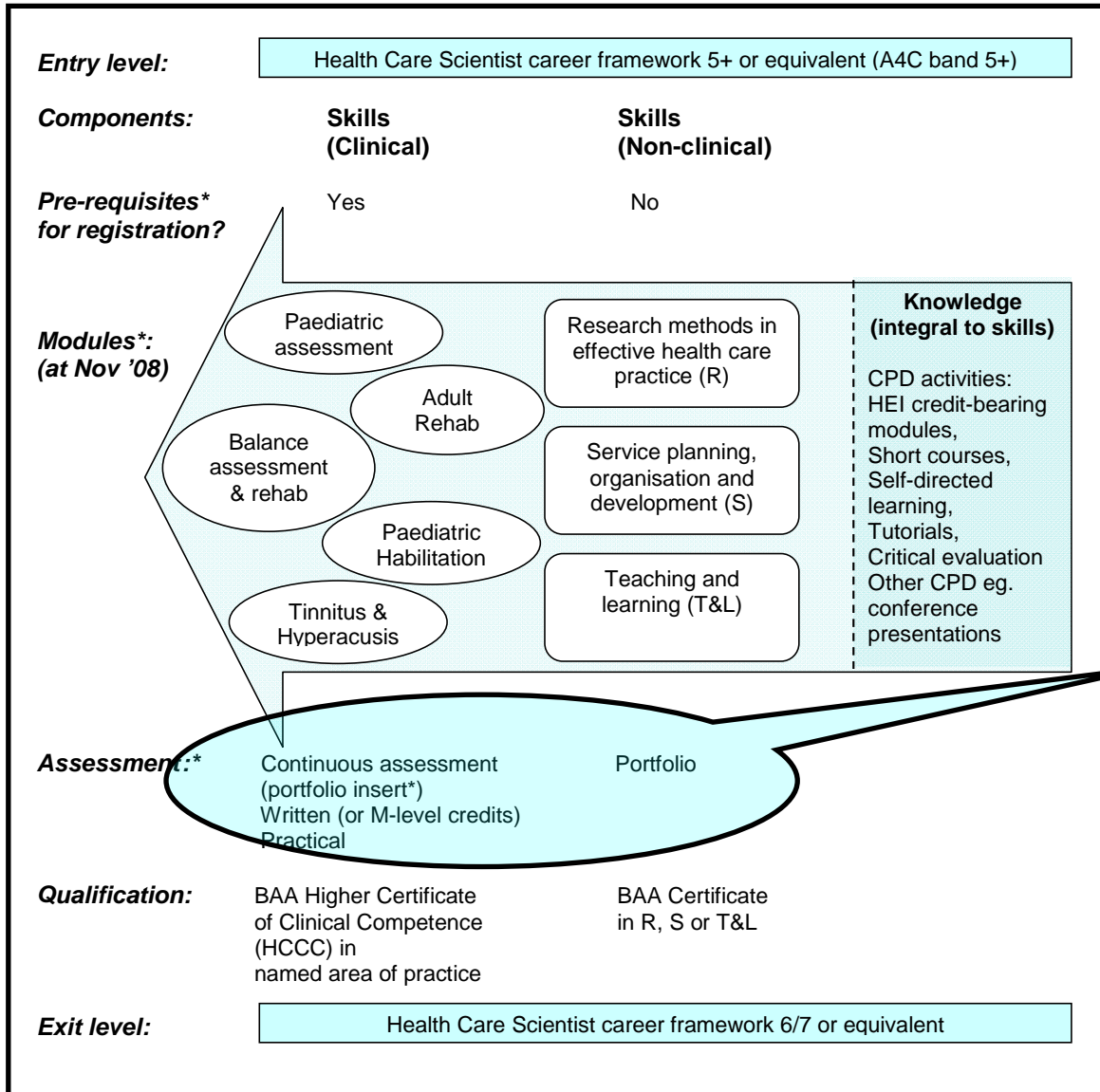
Structure - summary



Equiv. to M-level

NB. To be read in conjunction with Regulations

Structure - summary



To satisfy Learning outcomes

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Structure - summary

Entry level:	Health Care Scientist career framework 5+ or equivalent (A4C band 5+)	
Components:	Skills (Clinical)	Skills (Non-clinical)
Pre-requisites* for registration?	Yes	No
Modules*: (at Nov '08)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>The choice is yours Personal development Departmental needs</p> </div>	
		<p>Knowledge (integral to skills)</p> <p>CPD activities: HEI credit-bearing modules, Short courses, Self-directed learning, Tutorials, Critical evaluation Other CPD eg. conference presentations</p>
Assessment:*	Continuous assessment (portfolio insert*) Written (or M-level credits) Practical	Portfolio
Qualification:	BAA Higher Certificate of Clinical Competence (HCCC) in named area of practice	BAA Certificate in R, S or T&L
Exit level:	Health Care Scientist career framework 6/7 or equivalent	

NB. To be read in conjunction with Regulations

So, what's new?

HCCC Modules

- Tightened documentation
- Consistency checks across all modules

- Revised

- Paediatric assessment
- Balance and rehabilitation

(July)

- New

- Adult rehabilitation and ENT support
- Paediatric habilitation
- Tinnitus management and hyperacusis

(July)

(November)

(November)

- Under development

- Advanced therapeutic rehabilitation
- Advanced audiological assessment



So, what's new?

- Increased publicity
 - Information days
 - London
 - Middlesbrough
 - Seminars at HEIs
 - BAA regional and other talks
 - Several articles
 - BAA, BSA newsletters, BAA website
 - Higher training scheme
 - Clinical Scientists registration
 - Training in Audiology
 - Feedback from members/students



So, what's new?

- Regulations revised (October)
- More training centres accredited (total n=45)
- Working with HEIs re modules
- Satisfied BAA boards requirements replace CAC with HTS
- Focus on exams



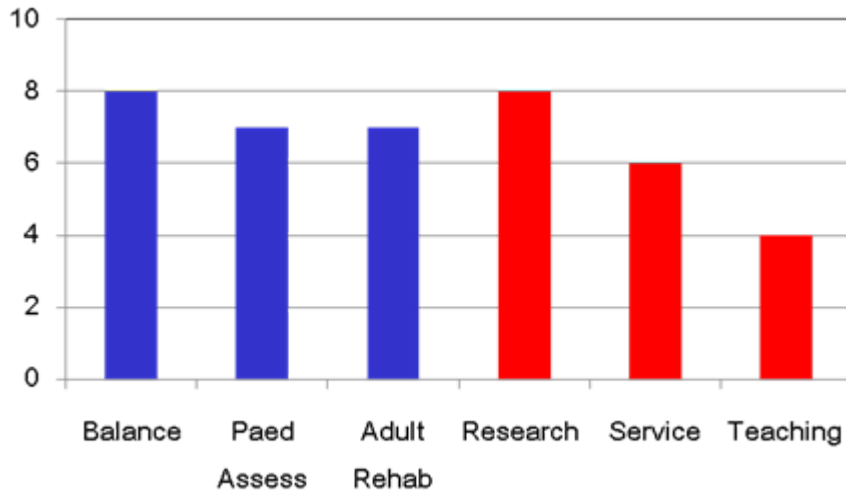
Take-up?

- N=?approx 150 BSc audiology graduates
- N= ?several 100 Band 5
 - (1500 full members)

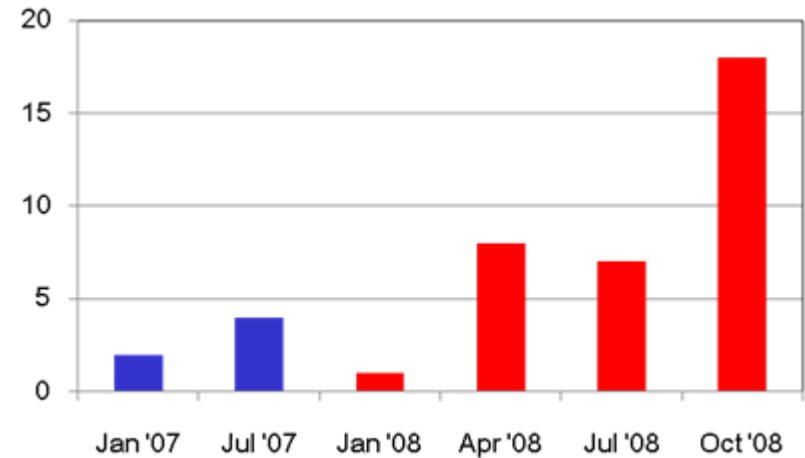


Take-up – some stats

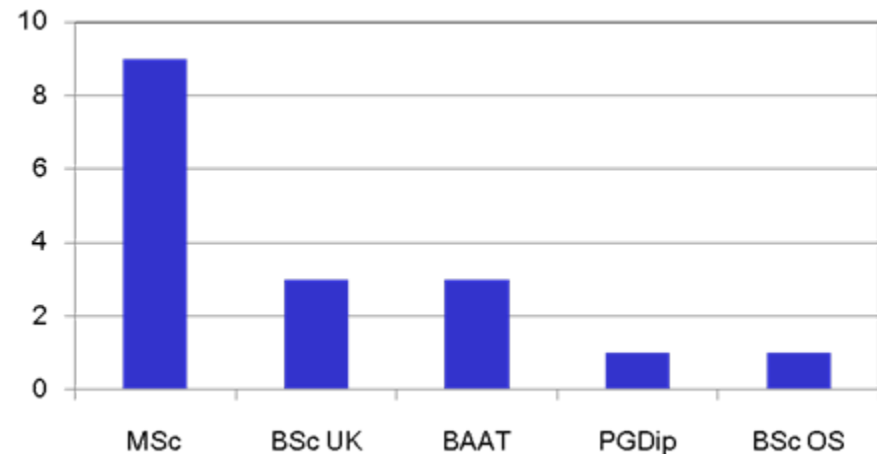
Modules, n=40



Registration over time



Training routes



N=17 registrants



Requirements for success



- HEIs to deliver accessible and relevant courses (asap)
- Candidates and supervisors only to present for exam when well prepared
- Contribution needed from individuals e.g. supervisors, examiners, secondment supervisors

Interested?

“What should I do?”

- Speak to your line manager
- Full information on BAA Website
 - Process – from start to finish



Just do it!

HTS sub-committee

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Any questions?

