Health Careers

Histopathology training pathway (Royal College of Pathologists - RCPath)

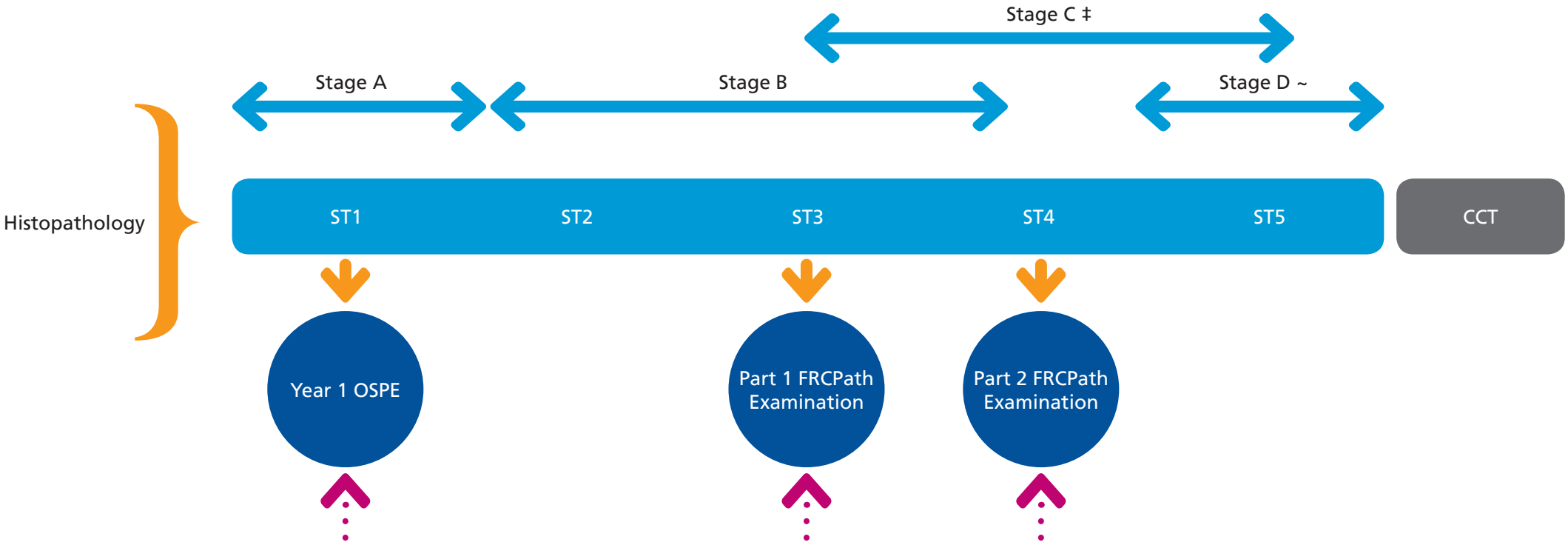
This is a run-through training programme.

NHS Health Education England

FRCPath - Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists
OSPE - Objective Structured Practical Examination
ST - Specialty Training
CCT - Certificate of Completion of Training

‡ Specialty training – either general histopathology, or subspecialty training in forensic pathology, neuropathology and paediatric pathology.

~ Specialty training or subspecialty training in cytopathology.



Note: You will need to pass Year 1 Objective Structured Practical Examination at the end of stage A/ST1 in order to progress to Stage B.

Note: You will need to pass Part 1 FRCPath Examination at the end of stage ST3 in order to progress to Stage C.

Note: You will need to pass Part 2 FRCPath Examination at the end of stage ST4 in order to progress to Stage D.

This information is correct at the time of writing. Training pathways are subject to change. Further details of training pathways are available from medical royal colleges or faculties.

Prior to starting your specialty training you need to have completed a medical degree followed by the two-year foundation programme or have equivalent competences prior to applying to ST level.