

FAMUS accreditation

WHO IT IS FOR

Any registered healthcare professional who looks after acutely unwell adults: doctors, nurses, advanced clinical practitioners, physician associates and allied health professionals. Run by the Society for Acute Medicine (SAM). Modular since February 2023.

REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE

- A supervisor registered on the FAMUS database for your module, who signs your ACT.
- Mentors who supervise early scans and review later ones. They need not be registered with SAM.
- SAM registration per module: £40 for members, £80 for non-members.
- Pass the FAMUS e-learning assessment on e-LFH (mandatory).
- A FAMUS-approved course is strongly recommended, not mandatory.

MODULES

MODULE	SUPERVISED (MIN)	MENTORED	MINIMUM TIME
Thoracic	10	30	6 months
Abdominal/renal	10	30	4 months
DVT	5	5 more	1 month
Ultrasound-assisted LP	10	Not required	3 months
Peripheral access	3	2 more	Not set

Thoracic core pathology: 5 consolidation, 5 increased lung water and 20 pleural effusions, 5 of them site marked. Peripheral access is signed off locally, with no SAM registration or certificate.

ASSESSMENTS AND SIGN-OFF

- Supervised scans are face to face, each on a FAMUS anonymised report sheet.
- Mentored scans: report sheet and images, reviewed and countersigned by your mentor.
- Simulator scans count only when supervised and showing pathology, five at most.
- The ACT includes a witnessed scan, a logbook and report review, and a theory check.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE

1. Find a registered supervisor before you pay.
2. Agree your mentors with your supervisor.
3. Register with SAM and complete the e-learning.
4. Do your supervised scans face to face.
5. Build your mentored scans and fill pathology gaps.
6. Book the ACT once the minimum time has passed.

FINAL SIGN-OFF

Your supervisor completes the ACT. Send it, with no patient identifiers, to famus@acutemedicine.org.uk. Accreditation lasts three years. Thoracic training should finish within two years of your first supervised scan, and thoracic renewal needs an average of 20 scans a year.



Full guide: thewavelength.co.uk/guides/famus-accreditation/

Official source: Society for Acute Medicine, FAMUS how to accredit and module pages

A Wavelength summary of the official requirements, checked on the date above. Wavelength is independent and is not run or endorsed by the Society for Acute Medicine. Requirements change, so confirm them with your supervisor and the official source.