



## AHSE Fast-Track Option

In 2017 AHSE introduced Fast Track as a way of accelerating the review of papers that had previously been rejected at another journal so that peer review feedback provided would not be duplicated on a subsequent submission. See Ellaway et al. (2020) for further information.

## Requirements

To be eligible to use the Fast Track option a paper needs to have been previously:

1. Submitted to a peer-reviewed journal in Health Professions Education
2. Peer-reviewed by that journal (desk rejects or 'reject without review' are not eligible)
3. Rejected by that journal with feedback provided by the editor and reviewers as to what was problematic and/or what needed to be improved or changed

Authors submitting to AHSE Fast Track are required to treat the reviews as 'major changes' and have revised their manuscript accordingly.

In submitting a manuscript using the Fast Track option authors need to provide:

1. A covering letter that clearly requests fast-track handling, and that notes where the paper had previously been submitted.
2. All of the editor and reviewer comments from the previous submission – cherry-picking which comments are provided is not permissible, we do check
3. The authors' responses to these comments in list or table format
4. A tracked-changes version of the original manuscript making it clear where changes had been made in response to the previous editor and reviewer comments.

If any of these items are not provided the manuscript will be declined.

In addition to their revisions authors should make sure that:

1. The manuscript is suitable for AHSE – follow the directions given in AHSE Standards for an Acceptable Manuscript linked on the journal's website
2. AHSE formatting guidelines have been closely followed

3. Where appropriate, if some time has elapsed since the manuscript was originally prepared, update references and other details.

On submission the manuscript will be evaluated by a Deputy Editor and, if is considered to be of interest and provisionally suitable for AHSE, assigned to an Associate Editor. The handling editor may evaluate the manuscript directly or they may send for additional peer review.

## **References**

Ellaway, R.H., Tolsgaard, M., & Norman, G. (2020). Peer review is not a lottery: AHSE's Fast Track. *Adv Health Sci Educ Theory Pract.* 25(3); 519–521.