Training courses for pharmacists and pre-registration pharmacists

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Working with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, NHS England and NHS Improvement, and other partners, we are offering fully-funded, innovative training and development courses for pharmacists and pre-registration pharmacists.

Our training has been developed to support the development of clinical pharmacists ready to work across a range of healthcare settings, including primary care networks.

Learn more about these courses below:

Fully funded postgraduate courses for pharmacists

We are offering community pharmacists fully funded, modular training leading up to a Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy until March 2020. A range of modules is on offer, from clinical and therapeutic skills to quality improvement.

It’s a great opportunity to begin skilling yourself up for the future – making the most of your clinical skills for the benefit of your patients.

You can study at your own pace to work towards a Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma or to complete CPD for revalidation. You can apply to any university regardless of location. Also open to pharmacists working in health and justice.

For further information on applying, modules on offer, study requirements and deadline dates see the provider sites:

University of Bath [6] - covering the South and London and the South East

De Montfort University [7] - covering the Midlands and East, and London and the South East

Exeter Medical School [8] - covering the South

Keele University [9] - covering the Midlands and East, and London and the South East
Primary care pharmacy education pathway

This training is for pharmacists who are part of NHS England’s Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Programme or recruited into post through the Primary Care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (Primary Care Network Contract DES).

The 18-month workplace-based training programme provides you with the clinical skills you need to deliver person-centred care in line with the NHS Long Term Plan. Pharmacists accepted on the training pathway are expected to play an active part in the emerging primary care networks, working as part of a multi-professional team in a patient-facing role. This might be in a patient’s own home, in a care home, in a GP surgery, or at another community venue. Pharmacists are also expected to take part in an independent prescribing course which is in addition to the 18-month pathway if they do not already have an IP qualification.

The training will equip you with the skills you need to succeed in your role: from undertaking structured medication reviews, improving medicine optimisation and safety, and supporting care homes, to running practice clinics.

The 18-month training pathway is delivered by the [Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education](#).

Details of the separate independent prescribing courses can be found in the section below.

Medicines optimisation in care homes training

This training is designed for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in care settings to improve or develop the delivery of multidisciplinary care skills, to allow greater integration with the NHS locally. Pharmacists are also given the opportunity to gain an independent prescribing qualification.

The training is an 18-month workplace-based model, with the last learner cohort starting in September 2019.

Upon completion, you will be able to work with the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver medicines optimisation for the benefit of patients, as part of an integrated multidisciplinary team. Clinical pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will become fully integrated members of the clinical multidisciplinary team in a patient-facing role to clinically assess and care for patients, using their expert knowledge of medicines for specific disease areas.

Also open to pharmacists working in health and justice.

The training programme is delivered nationally by the [Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education](#).

Read the factsheet [14].

Independent prescribing

This fully funded Independent Prescribing training is available to all pharmacists who are deployed as part of the following programmes:
- Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice
- Medicines optimisation in care homes
- Integrated Urgent Care/NHS 111 workforce development for pharmacists

The training is available to pharmacists recruited into post through the Primary Care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (Primary Care Network Contract DES).

A number of training places are also available as part of the Medicines Optimisation in Care Homes Programme for non-salary supported pharmacists working in a care home.

Find out more, including eligibility criteria and course providers, in our factsheet [15].

**Pre-registration placements in General Practice**

This exciting and innovative pilot aims to transform pre-registration pharmacist training, by providing trainees with the opportunity to train in general practice as part of their pre-registration training year.

The project is facilitating over 100 pre-registration programmes across England that offer between 3 and 6 months’ structured training experience in a GP practice. The placements will be in conjunction with a hospital or community pharmacy pre-registration training programme.

Trainees will gain a deep understanding of general practice, by working alongside the multidisciplinary team and learning more about the integral role pharmacy professionals play in patient care in the general practice setting. This will help to create a pharmacy workforce with an enhanced understanding of healthcare delivery across the system.

Placements are available across England via the Oriel national recruitment system [16] for pharmacy.

Read the factsheet [17]

**Integrated urgent care workforce development programme**

This training programme is open to pharmacists working in a virtual urgent care environment such as an Integrated Urgent Care Clinical Assessment Service, NHS 111 or Out of Hours primary urgent care setting.

This fully funded training will equip you to work confidently in a virtual urgent care environment with the skills, knowledge and confidence to deliver person-centred medicines optimisation for the benefit of patients and their safety.

The training is delivered by the University of Derby, offering a mixture of online and face to face learning.

Our 2018/19 cohorts are now fully subscribed. If you would like to receive further updates, please email the Pharmacy Integration Fund team at hee.phif@hee.nhs.uk [18]

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