

Funded places available before March 2022: Independent prescriber training for pharmacists

We are pleased to share further detail about an **initial offer** of funded Independent Prescribing courses for eligible pharmacists from the [Pharmacy Integration Programme](#).

We have been working with universities who offer GPhC accredited IP and CEPIP courses, to provide an initial offer for courses that will be available **before March 2022**.

This opportunity will benefit pharmacists who are already in a position to apply and meet the eligibility criteria, and meets the requirement to progress this training as early as possible for community pharmacists and employers who have signalled they are ready to proceed.

For those pharmacists who are not in a position to apply for this offer, we would encourage you to prepare to apply for the main round of funded Independent Prescriber training that will be available from Autumn 2022.

We are also working to develop the full range of other education and training provision as part of the 2021-24 Pharmacy Integration Programme and will share information and timelines with you when these other offers are confirmed.

What training is available?

We have secured places for both Independent Prescribing (IP) and Clinically Enhanced Independent Prescribing (CEPIP). These courses have different requirements which you may wish to consider.

- **Independent Prescribing** – GPhC-accredited Pharmacist Independent Prescriber training. Courses are usually approximately six months in length and will provide pharmacists with annotation on completion.
- **Clinically Enhanced Independent Prescribing (CEPIP)** courses include GPhC-accredited Pharmacist Independent Prescriber module, blended with enhanced clinical content (including clinical health assessment and diagnostics).

Models include delivery as a single integrated module, or as two complementary modules of independent prescriber and clinical/health assessment skills. They are set at 60 Credits – Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate.

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Course length varies by provider but is usually 8-12 months in total, with a longer requirement for face-to-face learning. This course will also provide pharmacists with IP annotation on completion.

Who is eligible?

These eligibility criteria relate specifically to independent prescribing courses due to begin **prior to March 2022**.

Training places which are funded through this offer will (only) be available at those course providers listed below.

Inclusion criteria include:

- Pharmacists must be working in England.
- Pharmacists working in **Community Pharmacy**.
- **Pharmacists** working to **provide primary care services** (e.g. working in primary care / CCG) who are not employed in an ARRS role.
- Pharmacists working in **Health and Justice** settings.
- Pharmacists **employed in General Practice** or enrolled on the NHS Primary Care Pharmacy Education Programme (**PCPEP**) are **not** eligible.

Additionally, pharmacists must demonstrate:

1. The support of an identified designated medical practitioner (DMP) or designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
2. An appropriate placement arranged for practice-based learning.
3. Evidence they meet the HEI eligibility criteria (applicants will be subject to their chosen HEI's enrolment processes).
4. Commitment to use the skill for the delivery of NHS services as they emerge.

How do I apply?

Pharmacists who meet the eligibility criteria should apply to the course providers directly. Provision will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (based on a complete application). It should be noted that some course providers will have minimum cohort numbers which will need to be met for a course to commence.

Likewise, course providers with a maximum cap on their cohorts may need to close applications ahead of the deadline if this limit is reached.

Where are the courses?

Courses for Independent Prescribing and Clinically Enhanced Independent Prescribing are listed on the next page.

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University Provider	Region	Number of places available	Start Date	Link to apply
Aston University	Midlands	30	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Bath	South	15	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Bradford	North	24	21 February 2022	For further information and to apply
De Montfort University	Midlands	11	22 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Derby	Midlands	15	23 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Huddersfield	North	30	21 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Manchester	North	10	16 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Plymouth	South	24	18 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Wolverhampton	Midlands	25	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
Funded places available before March 2022: Clinically Enhanced Independent Prescribing Provision				
University Provider	Region	Number of places available	Start Date	Link to apply
University of Derby	Midlands	15	23 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Portsmouth	South	24	February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Plymouth	South	24	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University College London	London	30	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Wolverhampton	Midlands	25	28 February 2022	For further information and to apply
University of Worcester	Midlands	25	17 February 2022	For further information and to apply

Any questions?

Please contact the course providers directly. If you have further questions about this offer, please contact pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk.