

**Please note:** We are working to secure a further round of funded Independent Prescriber training that will be available from Autumn 2022. We will share more information (including eligibility criteria) and how to apply, when these future offers are confirmed.

We would encourage pharmacists to prepare to apply for the main round of funded Independent Prescriber training that will be available from Autumn 2022. **If you would like to be added to our distribution list for future information, please fill in this [short survey](#).**

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

We worked with universities who offer GPhC accredited IP and CEPIP courses, to provide an initial offer for courses that were available **before March 2022**. This initial offer of funded Independent Prescribing courses was made available from the [Pharmacy Integration Programme](#).

This opportunity was for pharmacists who were already in a position to apply and met the eligibility criteria, and met the requirement to progress this training as early as possible for those who were ready to proceed.

**For those pharmacists who were 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. If you would like to be added to our distribution list for future information, please fill in this [short survey](#).**

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 was available as part of the initial offer?

We secured places for both Independent Prescribing (IP) and Clinically Enhanced Independent Prescribing (CEPIP). These courses have different requirements:

- **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).

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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.

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 was eligible?

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

Training places which were funded through this offer were (only) available at those course providers listed on the next page.

#### Inclusion criteria included:

- 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** 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.

### What was the application process?

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

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

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### Where were the courses?

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

### Any questions?

If you have further questions about the Pharmacy Integration Programme training offers, please contact [pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:pharmacyteam@hee.nhs.uk).