

Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme: Resource guide for those in employment

The Interim Foundation Pharmacist Programme (IFPP) has been established to support the 2019/20 cohort of pre-registration pharmacists in England whose training and registration was disrupted by the pandemic. The programme will develop your ability to achieve high quality outcomes and improve patient safety. It will also provide you with opportunities to develop your proficiency as a pharmacist, setting you on the pathway to expertise as a practitioner.

This guide is intended to highlight some of the resources available to you to help you get started with the IFPP. Further resources are available and more are being developed during the year. Look out for news in the regular IFPP Update about how we are continuing to support you and your development.

Resources available to support you:

The [NHS Learning Hub](#) is a new digital platform that provides easy access to a wide range of resources

Resources available on the learning hub include:

- exam game plan and recorded getting exam ready sessions to help you with your preparation for the GPhC registration assessment, revision methods and managing your nerves.
- microlearning resources including: Learning needs analysis, Portfolio development and Looking after your health and wellbeing
- access to e-Learning for Healthcare online courses and resources

There are more to follow, so please revisit regularly to see what's new.

The [Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education \(CPPE\)](#) has learning resources to support your development within the five domains of the Interim Foundation Pharmacist Curriculum that you may have identified in your learning needs analysis.

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Provisional Registration Service Support Line will help you with:

- practical everyday advice on working as a pharmacist
- final preparation for the registration assessment
- future professional development; and
- anything else a provisional registrant might need to discuss.

Contact the Support Line

Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm

Call: 0207 572

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Email: ProvReg@rpharms.com

Open Athens gives you access to bibliographic databases (for searching for references to journal articles), full text journals (limited collections), including the BMJ, e-Learning for Healthcare, BMJ Best Practice.

Register for an Open Athens account at: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk>

- Once your account has been approved login at: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/Auth/Login> and click on 'My Resources'.

To help you to use the resources the following modules have been created:

- [Literature Searching](#)
 - [Health Literacy](#)
 - [Mobilising Evidence and Knowledge](#) and [Additional Information](#)
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Script

[SCRIPT](#) is a modular e-learning programme which includes prescribing, therapeutics, clinical governance, medicines management, dosing and calculations. There are over 50 modules to help you with your identified learning needs or as revision resources.

How do I get started with the IFPP?



[Register to the IFPP](#)

- If you need to update your details, for example you move to a different employer, please complete an [IFPP update form](#).



Read and familiarise yourself with the [IFPP Pharmacist's handbook](#)

- Prepare for your learning needs analysis by completing the [IFPP: Microlearning: Learning needs analysis](#).



Discuss with your employer which learning programme will support you on the IFPP

- If you work in Community Pharmacy, General Practice or Health and Justice Pharmacy you should apply for the [CPPE Foundation Pharmacist Programme](#).
- Boots and Lloyds Pharmacy have in-house programmes that align to the IFPP.
- NHS Hospital Trusts have programmes or support that align to the IFPP.



Access and start your [RPS Provisional Registration E-portfolio](#) via your existing RPS account or register for a free account as a 'registered user'

- Access and work through the [RPS E-portfolio guide for learners](#).
- Invite your educational supervisor as 'Portfolio collaborator' in your E-portfolio.
- Complete a learning needs analysis in your RPS E-portfolio to identify your strengths and areas for development.
- Access the [IFPP Learning Opportunities Guide](#) and use this to develop your action plan.



Formulate a game plan for revising for the GPhC assessment

- Complete the [IFPP Exam Game Plan](#).
- Remember there are opportunities to develop and apply your knowledge in practice every day at work.



Meet with your educational supervisor and discuss

- Your learning needs analysis and action plan.
- Your assessment game plan.
- Evidence requirements and learning opportunities.



Continue to collate evidence and undertake supervised learning events to achieve the IFPP learning outcomes

- Meet with your educational supervisor to review and plan your progress regularly.
- Keep a good study / work life balance.