

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

**Accredited courses leading to eligibility to apply to enter pharmacist pre-registration training in the United Kingdom**

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Aston University	MPharm	1. Awarded by Aston University
Aston University	Postgraduate diploma for Overseas Pharmacists [OSPAP]	1. Conversion course for non-EU, overseas-qualified pharmacists. 2. Qualification awarded after completion of an OSPAP [see notes]
University of Bath	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Bath
University of Bradford	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Bradford
University of Brighton	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Brighton
University of Brighton	Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmacy [OSPAP]	1. Conversion course for non-EU, overseas-qualified pharmacists. 2. Awarded by the University of Brighton 3. Qualification awarded after completion of an OSPAP [see notes]
Cardiff University	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Wales to 2008 2. Awarded by Cardiff University from 2009
De Montfort University	MPharm	1. Awarded by De Montfort University
University of East Anglia	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of East Anglia 2. First graduates in 2007
University of Hertfordshire	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Hertfordshire 2. First graduates in 2009
Keele University	MPharm	1. Awarded by Keele University 2. First graduates in 2010
Kingston University	MPharm	1. Awarded by Kingston University 2. First graduates in 2008
King's College London	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of London until 2007 2. Awarded by either the University of London or King's College

		London from 2008
School of Pharmacy, University of London	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of London
Liverpool John Moores University	MPharm	1. Awarded by Liverpool John Moores University
Manchester University	MPharm	1. Awarded by the Victoria University of Manchester to 2004 2. Awarded by the University of Manchester from 2005
Medway School of Pharmacy	MPharm	1. First graduates in 2008. 2. A joint award of the universities of Greenwich and Kent.
Nottingham University	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Nottingham 2. The University of Nottingham runs the first two years of its MPharm in Malaysia at its University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus [UNMC] campus. 3. The Malaysian course is fully accredited. 4. The first students to graduate through the Malaysia-UK route will be in 2009.
The Queen's University	MPharm	1. Awarded by The Queen's University, Belfast
Reading University	MPharm	1. Awarded by Reading University 2. First graduates in 2009
The Robert Gordon University	MPharm	1. Awarded by The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen
The Robert Gordon University	Postgraduate diploma in Overseas Pharmacists' Assessment Programme [OSPAP]	1. Awarded by The Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen 2. Conversion course for non-EU, overseas qualified pharmacists. 3. Qualification awarded after completion of an OSPAP [see notes]
University of Strathclyde	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Strathclyde 2. MPharms taught wholly at the University of Strathclyde are fully accredited. 3. Currently, the University of Strathclyde runs its MPharm in collaboration with the International Medical University, Malaysia. It has been running for sometime and <b>is not</b> accredited. 4. A new version of the course is being accredited and the first students will graduate in 2011. 5. <b>Until 2011 the Strathclyde-IMU MPharm will not be accredited.</b> 6. <b>From 2011 there will be two Strathclyde-IMU MPharms: one accredited, one not. Regulators are advised to check</b>

		<b>which is being presented. The accredited degree is 4 years' long; the unaccredited degree is 3 ½ years' long.</b> 7. The Malaysian course is fully accredited.
University of Sunderland	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Sunderland 2. The University of Sunderland is running its MPharm in Malaysia in collaboration with the Systematic Education Group International [SEGI]. The first students will graduate in 2012.
University of Sunderland	Postgraduate Diploma in Pharmaceutical Sciences [OSPAP]	1. Awarded by the University of Sunderland 2. Conversion course for non-EU, overseas-qualified pharmacists. 3. Qualification awarded after completion of an OSPAP [see notes]
University of Wolverhampton	MPharm	1. Awarded by the University of Wolverhampton 2. First graduates in 2010

#### Notes

1. MPharms were first awarded in 2001, prior to that a variety of qualifications led to pre-registration training in the UK.
2. OSPAP = Overseas Pharmacists' Assessment Programme
3. The routes to registration in the UK for UK and non-EU educated persons are:
  - a. Accredited UK MPharm + UK pre-registration training + RPSGB/PSNI Registration Examination [route for UK-educated pharmacists]
  - b. Accredited UK OSPAP qualification + pre-registration training + RPSGB/PSNI Registration Examination [route for non-EU overseas - qualified pharmacists]
4. RPSGB = Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
5. PSNI = Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland
6. Great Britain [GB] = England, Scotland and Wales
7. United Kingdom [UK] = England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
8. The universities of London and Wales are federal, with a central degree awarding function [University of London/University of Wales] but also with constituent institutions with their own degree awarding powers. This explains why the Welsh School of Pharmacy used to award degrees of the University of Wales [the Federal University] but now awards degrees of Cardiff University [the School's parent institution]; a variation is King's College London, an institution of the University of London: it used to award degrees of the University of London but now offers its students the choice of either University of London degrees or King's College London degrees.
9. The Republic of Ireland [Eire] is not part of the United Kingdom. It is a separate country and a member state of the European Union.
10. Degrees in the Republic of Ireland are accredited by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. Currently there are three accredited courses: 1. Trinity College Dublin, 2. Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, and 3. University College Cork.

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