

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

University of Bradford

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in August 2006, the reviewers recommend to the Education Committee that the programme should be accredited by the Society for a period of three years. The university will formally be informed of the Society's decision in due course.

2. Conditions

The reviewers recommend that accreditation by the Society should be subject to the following conditions which must be met before the first cohort of students apply for the programme.

- 2a. The university must provide the Society with a revised copy of the application form or any additional documentation which confirms that applicants are required to provide evidence of CPD and support networks, and that the DMP is familiar with the requirements of the programme (criteria 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4 and 1.2.5).

The reviewers recommend that accreditation by the Society should be subject to the following conditions which must be met by the time the first cohort of students complete the programme.

- 2b. The university must confirm their policy for those who miss an element of the programme for the conversion course, which the Society reserves the right to comment on (criterion 1.3.9).
- 2c. The university must supply the Society with details of the support provided to DMP's and indicate the DMP's roles and responsibilities, particularly in relation to the teaching and assessment of clinical skills. (criteria 1.3.7, 1.4.1 and 1.4.2)
- 2d. The university must amend the competency framework, signed by the DMP, to verify that completion of the 2 days of learning in practice is equivalent to 15 hours and use the wording for declaration from the DMP that the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. (criteria 1.4.3 and 1.4.4)
- 2e. The university must undertake mapping of the two forms of assessment, and the competencies in the competency framework, to the RPSGB learning outcomes. Clarification is also required as to who is responsible for signing that the student has achieved the specific learning outcomes. (criteria 1.5.1 and 1.5.3)
- 2f. The university are asked to reconsider the pass mark of 8/20 for the structure and academic style of the essay, which falls in a category which is not consistent with safe prescribing from the perspective of record keeping. (criterion 1.5.5)

- 2g. The university must confirm that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm should result in overall failure. (criterion 1.5.6)

3. Recommendations

There were no recommendations for this accreditation event

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendation has been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee.

Satisfactory evidence was subsequently provided to meet the above conditions of accreditation; following this the programme was approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.