

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

University of Central Lancashire

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in January 2007, the reviewers recommend to Education Committee that the programme should be accredited by the Society for a period of three years. The reviewers complimented the university on the clarity of their application which was thorough and well set out. The university will be formally advised 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 by the time the first cohort of students complete the programme. The Society reserves the right to comment on the information provided.

- 2a. The university must confirm the level of the course (criterion 1.3.1)
- 2b. The university must supply the Society with a copy of the policy on attendance and participation and the expectations of pharmacists who miss part of the programme, or do not complete in recommended time (criterion 1.3.9)
- 2c. The university must supply the Society with a copy of the confirmation to be signed by the DMP that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 2x7.5h days supervised practice, and 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)
- 2d. The university must supply the Society with details of the pass and fail criteria applied to the assessments and confirm that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm, should result in overall failure. (Criteria 1.5.5 and 1.5.6)

In addition the reviewers thought that the Portfolio could be strengthened by requiring consideration of clinical governance in relation to Independent Prescribing (to include audit), evidence of diagnostic and monitoring skills, the evidence base for prescribing in the student's chosen area of practice and consideration of public health issues related to Independent Prescribing.

3. Recommendations

There were no recommendations for this accreditation event

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendations have 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.