

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

De Montfort University

1. Summary and Conclusions

Following the submission of accreditation documents in July 2007, 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 advised of the Society's decision once the reviewers' recommendations have been endorsed by the Education Committee.

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 start the programme. The Society reserves the right to comment on each piece of evidence provided.

- 2a. The University must provide the Society with evidence of commissioned places (criterion 2.1.3)
- 2b. The University must provide the Society with a copy of the candidate application form for the programme to demonstrate that:
 - i. candidates have current registration as a practising pharmacist with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain or the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland with annotation as a supplementary prescriber for not more than five years (criterion 2.2.1);
 - ii. candidates are currently practising as a supplementary prescriber or registered as a supplementary prescriber and able to provide evidence of relevant patient orientated practice (criterion 2.2.2);
 - iii. candidates provide a statement of support from a medical practitioner that confirms their competence as a supplementary prescriber (criterion 2.2.3);
 - iv. the pharmacist has a DMP with training and experience appropriate to their role, who has agreed to provide supervision, support and shadowing opportunities for the student and is familiar with the requirement of the programme and the need to achieve the learning outcomes (criterion 2.2.4);
 - v. candidates demonstrate how they reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for their own CPD and how they will develop their own support networks for the CPD of prescribing practice, including prescribers from other professions (criterion 2.2.5).
- 2c. The University must provide clarity with regard to the clinical examination assessment and the role of the University teaching team in this. The module descriptor does not refer to a clinical examination assessment, but a "clinical evaluation in practice", whilst the student handbook refers to "Practice based assessment of prescribing competence" (criterion 2.3.7).
- 2d. The University provides the Society with a copy of the CAIIN tool (criterion 2.4.2)

- 2e. The University provides the Society with the marking criteria for the viva voce (criterion 2.5.5)

3. Recommendations

The accreditation panel wished to make the following recommendations to the University in respect of the programme. The recommendations do not constitute formal conditions.

- 3a. The University may wish to review all of the documentation associated with the conversion programme to ensure consistency in relation to the time spent in practice (criterion 2.3.8).
- 3b. The University reviews all of the documentation associated with the conversion programme to ensure that the guidance on prescribing provided by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain is referenced appropriately (criterion 2.4.1).

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.