

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

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1. Summary and Conclusions

Following submission of accreditation documents in July 2007 the reviewers will recommend to the Education Committee that the programme should be accredited by the Society for a period of three years subject to the conditions below being met before the programme commences.

2. Conditions

- 2a. The HE must provide satisfactory evidence of commissioned places (this relates to criterion 2.1).
- 2b. The HEI must submit a copy of the course application form which demonstrates:
 - i. that entrants provide a statement of support from a medical practitioner that confirms their competence as a supplementary prescriber (this relates to criterion 2.2.3)
 - ii. that 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, is familiar with the requirements of the programme and the need to achieve the learning outcomes (this relates to criterion 2.2.4)
 - iii. that entrants can demonstrate evidence of CPD (this relates to criterion 2.2.5)
- 2c. The practice competency portfolio is modified to:
 - i. indicate that the student must achieve the performance criteria relating to clinical examination skills (this relates to criterion 2.4.1),
 - ii. provide confirmation from the DMP that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 2x7.5h days supervised period of learning in practice – (this relates to criterion 2.4.3),
 - iii. include a professional 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 (this relates to criterion 2.4.4)
- 2d. The HEI must ensure that the learning outcomes for the course cited in the course guide and the competence areas cited in the portfolio must be clearly mapped to the RPSGB learning outcomes for the conversion course (this relates to criterion 2.3.4)
- 2e. The University must confirm to the Society its policy in relation to students who miss the taught day and clarify if those students are required to attend the next available session (this relates to criterion 2.3.9)
- 2f. The University must confirm that pharmacists are required to demonstrate clinical examination skills (this relates to criterion 2.5.1).

- 2g. The programme documentation submitted by the University did not provide any evidence to indicate that the University required confirmation that the student had satisfactorily completed the period of learning in practice (this relates to criterion 2.5.2).
- 2h. Evidence is required that students are required to pass each element of the course (this relates to criterion 2.5.3).
- 2i. The University must provide evidence that the DMP is required to confirm that from the period of learning in practice and other learning activities, the pharmacist has the additional clinical competence required to practice as an independent prescriber (this relates to criterion 2.5.4).
- 2j. A statement should be made so that in the assessment, it is expected that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm, should result in overall failure (this relates to criterion 2.5.6).

3. Recommendations

The reviewers also recommended that the University may wish to review the following areas although this feedback does not constitute formal conditions.

- 3a. The course portfolio used the term “alternative medical practitioner”. This could be misconstrued as alternative medicine. The reviewers suggest choosing another term, for example “another medical practitioner”, although it was thought that “another clinician” would be more appropriate.
- 3b. It was noted that the programme will be linked to the supplementary prescribing programme and is placed just two days before the end of the course. One of the reviewers felt that this was perhaps not optimum timing and that the University may wish to reconsider this.

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.