

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Conversion Accreditation Report

The Robert Gordon University

1. Summary and Conclusions

1. Following submission of accreditation documents in September 2006, the reviewers recommend to the 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 reviewers were pleased to note that the arrangements for involving medical and nurse practitioners to teach pharmacists clinical skills. 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 by the time the first cohort of students complete the programme.

- 2a. The university must supply the Society with a copy of the documentation sent to DMPs detailing their role in confirming the student's competence in meeting the learning outcomes, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment. (criterion 1.2.4 1.4.1, and 1.4.2)
- 2b. The university must supply the Society with detail of how their 8 learning outcomes map to those required by the RPSGB, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment. (criterion 1.3.4)
- 2c. The university must supply the Society with detail of how they will achieve confirmation from the DMP that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 2x7.5h days supervised practice, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment. (criterion 1.4.3)
- 2d. The university must amend the wording, and supply the Society with a copy, of the declaration to be signed by the DMP to indicate that "in their opinion" the named pharmacist is suitable for registration. (criterion 1.4.4). Amendment to the wording to confirm that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 2x7.5h days supervised practice, could also meet condition c above.
- 2e. The university must supply the Society with evidence on how the student's ability to undertake clinical examination will be assessed, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment. (criterion 1.5.1)
- 2f. The university must supply the Society with confirmation that a Borderline Fail (as detailed in appendix 6) will not be open to compensation, since the descriptors at this level are not compatible with safe and effective prescribing. (criterion 1.5.5). In addition the university must confirm that a major failure, by a student, to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm, should result in overall failure. (criterion 1.5.6)
- 2g. The university must confirm to the Society that the award that successful candidates achieve is a '*Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing*'

rather than the wording in the definitive course document of '*Practice Certificate in Pharmacist Independent Prescribing (conversion course)*' (criterion 1.6.1)

3. Recommendations

In addition the reviewers make the following recommendation and would welcome comments from the university on this, upon which the Society reserves the right to comment.

- 3a. The university reflect on whether all the stated criteria for the pass mark of 4/10 are compatible with safe prescribing, particularly in relation to presentation i.e. meaning apparent in most instances, but language not always fluent, grammar and spelling poor/moderate, and in relation to references i.e. minor inconsistencies and inaccuracies and some shortfall in relevance.

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.