

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 December 2006, the reviewers were pleased to note that the arrangements for teaching pharmacists were in a multi-professional environment. 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 start the programme. The Society reserves the right to comment on each piece of evidence provided.

- 2.a The university must confirm that the entry criteria include the criterion that entrant's annotation as a supplementary prescriber is for not more than five years (criterion 1.2.1).
- 2.b The university must inform the Society of how they intend to confirm that entrants are either currently practising as a supplementary prescriber or registered as a supplementary prescriber and able to provide evidence of relevant patient orientated practice (criterion 1.2.2).
- 2.c The university must confirm that entrants will have to provide a statement of support from a medical practitioner that confirms their competence as a supplementary prescriber (criterion 1.2.3).
- 2.d The university must provide the Society with a copy of the documentation formalising the agreement of DMP to undertaken supervision and confirming that the DMP meets the stated criteria (criterion 1.2.4).
- 2.e The university must provide the Society with evidence that the admission profile will require entrants to demonstrate how they reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for own CPD and how they will develop their own support networks for the CPD of prescribing practice (criterion 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. The Society reserves the right to comment on each piece of evidence provided.

- 2.f The university must supply the Society with documentation which provides clear guidance on the role of the programme provider and the DMP for teaching the skills for clinical assessment of patients and the role of the DMP in the assessment of the programme (criteria 1.3.7 and 1.4.2).
- 2.g The university must inform the Society of the number of hours of the element of face-to-face learning activities (criterion 1.3.8)

- 2.h The university must supply the Society with the documentation to be used by the DMP to confirm the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 2x7.5h days supervised practice and that 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, 1.4.4 and 1.5.2).
- 2.i The university must confirm that candidates failure in the period of learning in practice cannot be compensated by performance in other assessments (criterion 1.5.3)
- 2.j The university must confirm that it is made explicit to the student and the DMP that at the end of the independent prescribing conversion course it is expected that the pharmacist has the additional clinical competence required to practise as an independent prescriber. The relationship between the learning outcomes and the domains of the Health Assessment Skills, which are used in the supplementary prescribing courses, should be made clear (criterion 1.5.4).
- 2.k The university must supply the Society with the criteria for pass and fail indicating how they relate to the grading scheme provided in the appendix, and supply the UWS regulations for resits and resubmissions (criterion 1.5.5).
- 2.l 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).
- 2.m The university must confirm that candidates will be subject to the full range assessment process listed and/or which, if any, of the 5 assessments would Supplementary Prescribers be eligible for dispensation from, and the criteria for this dispensation (criterion 1.3.10).

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.