

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

### Anglia Ruskin University

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

Following an accreditation event on 24 September 2007, the accreditation panel agreed that the overall quality of the programme presented for accreditation was very good. As a result of the accreditation event, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the independent prescribing programme at Anglia Ruskin University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. The panel was particularly impressed by the "in-practice" OSCE which they wished to highlight as example of especially good practice.

#### 2. Conditions

*(It is expected that conditions 2b to 2h inclusive will be satisfied before the programme commences)*

- 2a. For quality assurance purposes, given the implications of Independent prescribing and the additional responsibility on pharmacists, all Universities offering newly accredited Independent prescribing programmes will be expected to undertake an evaluation of the teaching provided to enable students to develop clinical examination skills, once the first cohort has completed the programme. The evaluation must include assessment results for this essential core element and feedback from students on the teaching provided. The report must be forwarded to the Society.[standard condition]
- 2b. The University must provide the Society with written evidence of sufficient commissioned places. (This relates to criterion 2.1.3).
- 2c. The University application form for the programme must ask for the pharmacist's registration number and for confirmation that the pharmacist is on the practising register. As part of the application process, the pharmacist must specify the area of clinical practice in which he/she will be practising and provide evidence of continuing professional development (CPD). (This relates to criterion 2.2.1).
- 2d. A statement must be added to the programme documentation which states that applicants who are not members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain or the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland may undertake the taught element of the programmes but not the period of supervised practice. Only registered members can undertake the period of supervised practice. (This relates to criterion 2.2.6).
- 2e. The learning outcomes for the programme must be mapped to M Level. (This relates to criterion 2.3.4).
- 2f. The University must add the full range of assessment tools to the taught component of the programme for the recognition of and responding to common signs that are suggestive of clinical problems. The Society's requirements for the indicative content of programmes refers to the use of common diagnostic aids for assessment of a patients health status such as a stethoscope, sphygomomanometer, tendon hammer, examination of the cranial nerves. (This relates to criterion 2.3.5).

- 2g. The Designated Medical Practitioner declaration form must be amended to reflect the correct form of words that the pharmacist is suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. (This relates to criterion 2.4.4).
- 2h. The programme documentation must specify the correct title of the award (This relates to criterion 2.6.1).

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3a. The programme documentation for students and the DMP should make explicit that all OSCE criteria must be achieved in order to obtain a pass. (This relates to criterion 2.5.1).
- 3b. It is recommended that the number of hours required in the clinical skills laboratory are the same for both modes of programme delivery. (This relates to criterion 2.3.5).

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendations have been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee.

Following the above accreditation event satisfactory evidence was provided to meet the above conditions of accreditation (with the exception of the standard condition 2a which must be met on completion of the first cohort). The programme was subsequently approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.