

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

De Montfort University

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 2 May 2008, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the Leicester School of Pharmacy, De Montfort University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below.

The accreditation team wished to commend the course team on their engagement with DMPs and preparing them for their role through attendance at the University.

2. Conditions

There are 4 conditions associated with this report, which with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences.

- 2a. For quality assurance purposes, 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 evaluation report must then be forwarded to the Society. (This is a standard condition)
- 2b. The application forms must refer to the pharmacist being on the practising register of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and that he/she has at least two years post-registration experience with recent clinical practice in the area in which they intend to prescribe. (This condition refers to criteria 2.2.1 and 2.2.2)
- 2c. The course team clarifies their attendance policy to the satisfaction of the Society, for example which aspects require mandatory attendance. (This condition refers to criterion 2.3.10)
- 2d. The DMP must sign for satisfactory completion of 12 x 7.5 days learning in practice and that the declaration is amended to the wording specified by the Society. That is that 'the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber'. (This condition refers to criteria 2.4.3 and 2.4.4)

3. Recommendations

- 3a. The team investigates mechanisms by which prospective students' CPD is assessed on enrolment. (This recommendation refers to criterion 2.2.4)
- 3b. The course team considers applications from practising pharmacists registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland. (This recommendation refers to criterion 2.2.6)

- 3c. The Higher Education Institution reviews the number of credits awarded given that the sector norm is 40-45 credits. (This recommendation refers to criterion 2.3.1)
- 3d. The team reviews the guidance in the DMP handbook to make better use of resources available at the National Prescribing Centre. (This recommendation refers to criteria 2.3.7, 2.4.1 and 2.4.2)
- 3e. The log of learning in practice is reviewed at a specific time point in order to ensure the learning experience is appropriate. (This recommendation relates to criterion 2.4.3)

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