

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

University of Derby

1. Summary and Conclusions

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

The panel commended the University on the quality of the presentation of the submission documentation, the support of the staff involved with the submission and the multi-disciplinary nature of the design and delivery of the programme.

2. Conditions

- 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 University provides a letter of support from the East Midlands Multi-Professional Deanery to confirm support for pharmacist applicants. (This relates to criterion 2.1.3)
- 2c. The application form is amended to include confirmation that the applicant is on the Society's practising register and that allowance is made for PSNI applicants. (This relates to criterion 2.2.1)
- 2d. The University provides evidence of how the arrangements for ensuring that applicants have identified an area of clinical practice and need in which to develop their prescribing skills and that they have up-to-date clinical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical knowledge relevant to their intended area of prescribing practice. (This relates to criterion 2.2.3)
- 2e. The University provides evidence of how they will ensure that all applicants 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, including prescribers from other professions. (This relates to criterion 2.2.4)
- 2f. The University provides mapping of the course learning outcomes, course content and assessment methods against the Society's learning outcomes. (This relates to criterion 2.3.4)
- 2g. Attendance for pharmacists at key taught sessions, that is consultation skills, differential diagnosis and clinical skills, is mandatory. (This relates to criterion 2.3.10)

- 2h. The University reviews their documentation and provides evidence that all reference to learning in practice states that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed a minimum 12x7.5h (90hrs) days supervised practice. (This relates to criterion 2.4.3)
- 2i. The University reviews their documentation and provides evidence that the final DMP declaration confirms 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)
- 2j. The University amends their documentation to indicate that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an answer which would cause the patient harm would result in overall failure. (This relates to criterion 2.5.6)

3. Recommendations

- 3a. The University reflects on the issue of accepting applicants who are not members of the Society or PSNI and note that, if such applicants are enrolled, they may undertake the taught components of the programme but may not undertake the period of supervised practice. (This relates to criterion 2.2.6)
- 3b. The University representatives report back to their institution the inconsistencies in the level 7 grading criteria. (This relates to criterion 2.5.5)

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.