

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

Edge Hill University

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on 19 June 2008, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at Edge Hill University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below.

The course team was complemented on the multidisciplinary nature of the course relating to the development, content and teaching of the course.

2. Conditions

There are 9 conditions associated with this report, which 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. (standard condition).
- 2b. That the Society's indicative content is mapped to the core indicative content and the taught clinical examination skills are explicitly highlighted within the timetable (this condition relates to criterion 2.3.4).
- 2c. That pharmacist students on the course must attend all clinical examination sessions before undertaking the OSCE aspect of assessment (this condition relates to criterion 2.3.10).
- 2d. That the University supplies documentation to the Society confirming that the Strategic Health Authority has commissioned places for 2008/2009 (this condition relates to criterion 2.1.3).
- 2e. That the application form is reviewed or supplemented to ensure that the requisite information specific to pharmacists is provided. This must ensure compliance with criteria 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 and that the DMP undertakes to provide 12 days / 90 hours of supervision in practice (this condition relates to criterion 2.2.5)
- 2f. That the role of the DMP for teaching skills for clinical assessment of patients is made explicit in the DMP handbook (this condition relates to criteria 2.3.7 and 2.4.1).
- 2g. That the DMP signs a statement that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed 12x7.5 hour days of supervised practice and that the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber (this condition relates to criteria 2.4.3 and 2.4.4).

- 2h. That the pharmacist students on the course are informed that a major failure to identify a serious problem or an action which causes the patient harm will result in overall failure (this condition relates to criterion 2.5.6).
- 2i. That the programme specification proforma is amended to reflect that the award given to successful pharmacist candidates is entitled "Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing" (this condition relates to criterion 2.6.1).

3. Recommendations

- 3a. That the NMC requirement related to time from enrolment to completion of the course (one year) is also applied to pharmacist students (this recommendation 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.