

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

Glyndwr University

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 5 February 2009, the panel agreed to recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at Glyndwr University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the Society receiving satisfactory responses to the conditions below. This means that the course is not accredited until the conditions have been met and approval has been given by the Society's Education Committee. The panel was pleased to commend the support which is provided to DMPs as well as the quality assurance process used by the programme team to moderate the learning in practice.

2. Conditions

There are 9 conditions associated with this report, which, with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences. The University is required to provide the Society with evidence of meeting the conditions prior to commencement of the programme.

- 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 programme team provide the Society with a letter of support from the Welsh Assembly Government regarding the commissioning of places (This relates to criterion 2.1.3).
- 2c. The programme team provide the Society with Curriculum Vitae for all members of the Steering Group not previously provided in the documentation (This relates to criteria 2.1.4 and 2.1.5)
- 2d. The programme team revise all documentation to ensure conformity with the Society's prerequisites for entry:
 - i) The programme is open to practising members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (PSNI) (This relates to criteria 2.2.1 and 2.2.6)
 - ii) Entrants have at least two years patient orientated experience following their preregistration year (This relates to criterion 2.2.2)
 - iii) Entrants have written endorsement from their employer or sponsoring organisation that they have up-to-date clinical, pharmacological and pharmaceutical knowledge relevant to their intended area of practice (This relates to criterion 2.2.3)
 - iv) Entrants explore 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)
- 2e. The programme team provide a mapping of the programme indicative content to the Society's Indicative content for independent prescribing programmes (This relates to criterion 2.3.5).

- 2f. The programme team provide amended timetables to show a minimum of four days clinical skills teaching for pharmacists (This relates to criterion 2.3.5).
- 2g. The programme team make it explicit to pharmacists that they must attend all taught clinical skills session before they take the examination. Attendance requirements for the rest of the programme must also be made explicit. The relevant revised documentation must be forwarded to the Society (This relates to criteria 2.3.5 and 2.3.10).
- 2h. The DMP must confirm that the pharmacist has satisfactorily completed at least 12 x 7.5 hour days of supervised practice and that the pharmacists practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. The relevant revised documentation must be forwarded to the Society (This relates to criteria 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.2 and 2.5.4)
- 2i. The programme team must confirm in the DMP handbook the process for moderation of the summative OSCE assessment (This relates to criterion 2.4.1)
- 2j. The programme team must confirm that the award for Pharmacists will be 'Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing' (This relates to criterion 2.6.1)

3. Recommendations

- 3a. The programme team differentiate the level 6 and level 7 outcomes (particularly those relating to pharmacology), as well as their assessment.
- 3b. The programme team add a column of cumulative hours calculation to the log of learning in practice.

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.