

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

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1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 28 March 2008, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Reading is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. The accreditation panel was pleased to be able to commend the university on the clear and detailed DMP handbook in particular the information on assessment of diagnostic skills. The mandatory attendance of the DMP at induction day was commended as well as the use of evaluation forms following the period of learning in practise and the audit or practice placements. They panel was impressed with the addition of the formative review undertaken part-way through the period of learning in practice. Additionally, the panel commended the multi-disciplinary background of the programme's staff team.

2. Conditions

There are 9 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. [Standard condition]

2b. The programme team must provide the Society with written confirmation which confirms that the SHA will be providing funding. (This relates to criterion 2.1.3)

2c. The programme team must provide the Society with an updated copy of the student application form which includes the following amendments:

- i. The application form should reflect the fact that Pharmacists must be on the practicing register and that they may be registered with the PSNI. (This relates to criterion 2.2.1)
- ii. The applicant is required to have at least 2 years patient orientated experience following their pre-registration year. (This relates to criterion 2.2.2)
- iii. The declaration by the employer must include confirmation that the applicant has up to date clinical, pharmacological, and pharmaceutical knowledge in their intended area of practice. (This related to criterion 2.2.3)
- iv. The student is required to provide evidence of CPD at application. (This relates to criterion 2.2.4)

2d. The programme team must map the RPSGB learning outcomes to the programme's learning outcomes and assessments and forward documentation of this to the Society. (This relates to criterion 2.3.4)

2e. The website references in all documentation must be updated, and copies of these forwarded to the Society. (This relates to criterion 2.3.5)

- 2f. All documents relating of the period of learning in practice must be amended to state the practice time as 12 x 7.5 hour days / 90 hours and a cumulative log of the time added to the practice portfolio. (This relates to criteria 2.4.3 and 2.5.2)
- 2g. The declaration signed by the DMP to confirm the successful completion of the period of learning in practice must be amended to state that the pharmacist's practice is, in the opinion of the DMP, suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. (This relates to criteria 2.4.4 and 2.5.4)
- 2h. Documentation to be amended to reflect the fact during the assessment, 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

There were no recommendations set

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.