

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Summary of an Independent Prescribing Accreditation Report

London South Bank University

1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 11 March 2008, the panel will recommend to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at London South Bank University is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. The accreditation panel commended the university on the structure of the programme, in particular the three-part structure and its interlinked units as well as the 60 credits that the course awards. The multi-disciplinary nature of the course was also to be commended as well as the formative assessments, the CD-Rom and the concise and clear programme documentation.

2. Conditions

There are 8 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 forward written documentation to the Society to confirm that the Strategic Health Authority will be providing the financial support for fees. (This relates to criterion 2.1.3).
- 2c. The programme team must forward the Society the amended student application form which reflects 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).
- 2d. The programme team must forward the Society the amend the student application form to include the requirement that the applicant must have at least two years' appropriate experience. (This relates to criterion 2.2.2)
- 2e. The Programme team to amend the application to include a requirement for the applicant's employing/sponsoring organisation to confirm in writing that the applicant has skills and knowledge relevant to their intended area of practice and that there is a need in which to develop their skills. (This relates to criterion 2.2.3)
- 2f. The programme team must forward the Society a copy of the amended student application form which includes a requirement for the applicant to describe how they undertake CPD. (This relates to criterion 2.2.4)
- 2g. The programme team must map the assessments to the RPSGB learning outcomes and forward documentation of this to the Society. (This relates to criterion 2.3.4)
- 2h. The programme team must remove the 'have not' option from the declaration signed by the DMP to confirm that the student has successfully completed the period of learning in practice, and forward a copy of the amended form to the Society (This relates to criterion 2.4.4)

2i. Clinical skills must be assessed and recorded at the end of the second introductory day.

3. Recommendations

3a. Amend course documents, to include updating of web site links and references to supplementary prescribing.

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendation 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.