

Independent Prescribing Commissioned Courses – Pharmacy Integration Fund (PhIF) funded places, January – March 2018

Fact Sheet 2017/2018

Background

In the Five Year Forward View (FYFV), NHS England committed to ensure that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians play an increasingly visible and expanded role in delivering medicines optimisation across our communities and improve the care and outcomes for patients.

This will be done by offering the pharmacy workforce new skills to transform not only the way the NHS works, but also the careers of those working across the pharmacy sector.

In their enhanced roles, they will support the delivery of the NHS's Medicines Value Programme, set up to improve health outcomes from medicines and ensure that we get the best value from the NHS medicines bill, as well as improving medication safety and outcomes for patients. Making appropriate use of community pharmacy teams working across a more diverse range of settings, is a core element of realising the vision for the future NHS.

To support this transformation of the role of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, NHSE set up the Pharmacy Integration Fund (PhIF). It allocated £42m for 2016-18 to facilitate the development and integration of clinical pharmacy practice into a wider range of primary care settings.

Health Education England (the body responsible for commissioning NHS workforce education and training) has worked with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, other pharmacy professional bodies and universities to develop exciting new modules to further develop the skills, careers and business opportunities of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, helping them bring pharmacy into the wider health economy. This work is part of a broader HEE agenda to drive workforce transformation across the NHS to support locally delivered integrated care models.

To support the career development and transformation of Pharmacists across England, HEE, in partnership with NHS England, has commissioned education providers to deliver up to 2,000 fully funded places on courses which deliver General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) accredited pharmacist independent prescribers across England, until 31 March 2019. The modules are made up of a range of online and e-portal learning, self-directed learning with some face to face learning and assessments. This will provide more flexibility in how the learning occurs and therefore increases scope to plan learning around work.

Who can access the training?

Learners must be pharmacists who are deployed as part of the following programmes:

- Clinical Pharmacists in General Practice Phase 2
- Pharmacy Integration for Care Homes
- Clinical Pharmacists in Integrated Urgent Care

Places on these programmes are funded by HEE and are available to all staff providing NHS services to patients where independent prescribing is appropriate to their role. All learners will need to assure their chosen university that they meet the course requirements.

Please note HEE only funds the cost of the university course. HEE does not fund work place costs e.g. supervision or remuneration for time on the course.

What are the requirements of the course?

The requirements of each course are listed on the university websites. *Please check the university requirements prior to applying.*

In general, the requirements for pharmacists are:

- Registration with the General Pharmaceutical Council
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- A named designated medical practitioner who will mentor, facilitate and supervise the pharmacist's learning in a practice environment
- Have a defined role to deliver NHS service as a prescriber post qualification, via e.g employer commitment
- Confirmation from employing organisation confirming service need and access to appropriate supervised practice

Where and when are the courses being held?

Course Start Date	University Provider	Course Venue	Contact details for registration	Website for further information and registration	Level 6 or 7	Course Delivery Format
January 2018	Sheffield Hallam	Sheffield	Direct Admissions Team Email: lbr-admissions@shu.ac.uk Tel: 0114 225 6356	https://www.shu.ac.uk/study-here/find-a-course/health-and-social-care/short-courses-and-modules/pharmacist-independent-prescribing	7	Number of Weeks: 16 Face to Face days: 9 E-Learning Hours: 108
January 2018	University of Derby	Derby	Jill Gould Email: j.gould@derby.ac.uk Tel: 01332 592381	https://www.derby.ac.uk/courses/modules/nmp-pharmacists/	6 or 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 15-19 E-Learning Hours: 22
January 2018	University of Derby	Chesterfield	Jill Gould Email: j.gould@derby.ac.uk Tel: 01332 592381	https://www.derby.ac.uk/courses/modules/nmp-pharmacists/	6 or 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 15-19 E-Learning Hours: 22
January 2018	University of Coventry	Coventry	HLS CPD Admissions Email: hscu.hls@coventry.ac.uk Tel: 02476 5388 or 02476 5958		7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 14 E-Learning Hours: 75
January	University of	Scarborough	HLS CPD Admissions Email:		7	Number of Weeks: 26

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2018	Coventry		hscu.hls@coventry.ac.uk Tel: 02476 5388 or 02476 5958			Face to Face days: 14 E-Learning Hours: 75
10 January 2018	University of Bolton	Bolton	Emma Street Senior Lecturer Room T3 – 12, Eagle Tower The University of Bolton Deane Road, Bolton BL3 5AB Email: es8@bolton.ac.uk Tel: 01204 903780	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26
15 January 2018	University of Salford	Salford	Pat Killeen Administration School of Midwifery, Nursing, Social Sciences and Social Work University of Salford Fredrick Road Salford M6 6PU Email: p.a.killeen@salford.ac.uk Tel: 0161 295 5000	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26
15 January	University of	Carlisle	Health Admissions Team	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk	6 and	Number of Weeks: 26

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2018	Cumbria		University of Cumbria Bowerham Road Lancaster LA1 3JD Email: healthadmissions@cumbria.ac.uk Tel: 01524 384360 / 4604	e.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	7	Face to Face days: 26
15 January 2018	University of Cumbria	Lancaster	Health Admissions Team University of Cumbria Bowerham Road Lancaster LA1 3JD Email: healthadmissions@cumbria.ac.uk Tel: 01524 384360 / 4604	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26
15 January 2018	University of Huddersfield	Huddersfield	ssprd@hud.ac.uk Tel: 01484 473015	https://pt-onlineapps.hud.ac.uk/	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26
23 January 2018 and 25	University of Sunderland	Sunderland	Admin Contact: Email:	https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/study/short-courses-	7	Number of Weeks: 52 Face to Face days: 9

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January 2018			cape@sunderland.ac.uk Tel: 01915152499 Course lead email: keith.holden@sunderland.ac.uk Tel: 01915152569	cpd/independent-prescribing-pharmacists/		E-Learning Hours: 378
February 2018	Sheffield Hallam	Sheffield	Direct Admissions Team Email: lbr-admissions@shu.ac.uk Tel: 0114 225 6356	https://www.shu.ac.uk/study-here/find-a-course/health-and-social-care/short-courses-and-modules/pharmacist-independent-prescribing		Number of Weeks: 16 Face to Face days: 9 E-Learning Hours: 108
5 March 2018	University of Manchester	Manchester	Admin Contact: Stacey Winship Email: pgtaught.pharmacy@manchester.ac.uk Tel: 0161 275 1798 Course Lead: Dianne Bell Email: dianne.bell@manchester.ac.uk	http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/09815/independent-prescribing-short-course/	7	Number of Weeks: 17-26 Face to Face days: 8 E-Learning Hours: 135
March 2018	Sheffield Hallam	Sheffield	Direct Admissions Team Email: lbr-	https://www.shu.ac.uk/study-here/find-a-	7	Number of Weeks: 16 Face to Face days: 9

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			admissions@shu.ac.uk Tel 0114 225 6356	course/health-and-social-care/short-courses-and-modules/pharmacist-independent-prescribing		E-Learning Hours: 108
March 2018	University of East Anglia	Norwich	Debi Bhattacharya Email: D.Bhattacharya@uea.ac.uk Tel: 01603 593391			Number of Weeks: 17 Face to Face days: 8 E-Learning Hours: 12
7 March 2018	University of Portsmouth	Portsmouth	Admissions: Email: admissions@port.ac.uk Tel: 023 9284 5566 Course lead: Nick Warren nick.warren@port.ac.uk	http://www.port.ac.uk/courses/health-sciences-and-social-work/pgcert-prescribing-and-therapeutics/	7	Number of Weeks: 35 Face to Face days: 15 E-Learning Hours: 60
19 March 2018	University of Chester	Chester	Anne Ashford Admissions Dept University of Chester Riverside Campus Castle Drive Chester CH1 1SL Email: a.ashford@chester.ac.uk	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26

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			Tel: 01244 512573	.uk/PQCPD/default		
20 March 2018	Edge Hill University	Edge Hill	Elizabeth Morris, Programme Officer Email: ap3t@bath.ac.uk Tel: 01225 386773		7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 20 E-Learning Hours: 30
20 March 2018	University of Salford	Salford	Pat Killeen Administration School of Midwifery, Nursing, Social Sciences and Social Work University of Salford Fredrick Road Salford M6 6PU Email: p.a.killeen@salford.ac.uk Tel: 0161 295 5000	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Suppl-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 24 Face to Face days: 23
21 and 22 March 2018	University of Bath	Bath	Elizabeth Morris, Programme Officer, Email: ap3t@bath.ac.uk Tel: 01225 386773 Course Lead:	http://www.bath.ac.uk/study/pg/programmes/phar-pres-prog/	7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 6 E-Learning Hours: 30

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			Nicholas Haddington Email: N.J.Haddington@bath.ac.uk			
26 March 2018	University of Chester	Wirral	Anne Ashford Admissions Dept University of Chester Riverside Campus Castle Drive Chester CH1 1SL Email: a.ashford@chester.ac.uk Tel: 01244 512573	https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NMP-Ind.Supp-Application-Form-Oct-2017v2.pdf (Outside NW) https://wsecure.wirral.nhs.uk/PQCPD/default	6 and 7	Number of Weeks: 26 Face to Face days: 26

How can I apply?

Applications will be processed by each university; Universities will not accept applications from candidates who have not obtained approval to apply for the course by their DMP and Educational Supervisor.

If I attend another IP course will HEE fund it?

HEE only funds the courses outlined in this document which were selected through a competitive tendering process.