Independent / Supplementary Prescribing Clinically Enhanced
Postgraduate Certificate
Why study this programme?

The clinically enhanced version of our well-established Independent / Supplementary Prescribing programme is for hospital, mental health, community trust and CCG pharmacists (funded by HEE LaSE) plus GP pharmacists on a self or employer funded basis. During this part-time distance-learning programme you will gain the skills and discipline needed to prescribe within your stated specialism and focus on general clinical skills for the purposes of accurate onward referrals.

Nine study days at the university cover communication and diagnostic skills, the
legal, policy, professional and ethical aspects of prescribing, pharmacology, and patient assessment and monitoring. Students on this clinically enhanced version of the programme also learn general physical examination skills. You will spend 90 hours shadowing prescribers in supervised practice working in your chosen area, plus 20 hours’ clinical skills placement with a clinical supervisor.

On qualification you will gain a PG Certificate Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (Clinically Enhanced).

You can take the programme as a standalone postgraduate certificate in Independent/ Supplementary Prescribing, or as a pathway into the first or second stage of the MSc Medicines Optimisation (please see the pathway diagram).

Are you planning to apply but need some assistance with numeracy? Would you like an introduction to pharmacology first? We have two Preparing for Prescribing (P4P) short courses available. You can develop your numeracy or pharmacology skills and knowledge before starting the main Independent / Supplementary Prescribing Programme.

Why study with us?
The Medway School of Pharmacy is a unique collaboration between the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent.

The school is located at the heart of a multi-university campus development at Chatham Maritime in Medway, Kent.

Investment in extensive new laboratories and research facilities has seen the campus develop into a major higher education centre.

The Medway School of Pharmacy has been developing its postgraduate provision since 2004 and can now announce a new Centre for Postgraduate, Workplace and Community Learning incorporating the current portfolio of postgraduate programmes and introducing work-based qualifications and community-centred learning courses.

The postgraduate team is a mix of academic tutors and healthcare professionals active in clinical practice, enabling students to learn from practising professionals as well as from an excellent academic team.

What will you study?
The programmes consist of two compulsory modules
- Independent Prescribing in Practice (40 credits)
- Clinical Health Assessment and Diagnostics (20 credits)

Career Opportunities
There is a high and rising demand for a range of healthcare professionals to qualify as non-medical prescribers. There are enhanced career opportunities for all pharmacists with the prescribing qualification.
Teaching and assessment

The programme is a distance learning programme and includes a total of nine study days at the university. Students must spend 12 days in supervised practice overseen by the Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP), 20 hours with a Clinical Supervisor (CS), and between 12 and 18 days of individual study time.

Students are assessed through written assignments (legislative essay, pharmacology essay, evidence-based assignment), a practical assessment of prescribing practice (PAPP), an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), portfolio and recorded defence, and attendance for a period of learning in practice.

Financial information

£2,550

The fees quoted are for the academic year from August 2019. Fees for current academic year available from the administrator and subject to timely application and registration.

Key facts

Attendance:
Distance learning only.

Entry requirements:
• Registration with the GPhC
• Appropriate experience in the area of practice in which they will be prescribing
• The ability to study at level 7
• At least two years’ post-registration clinical experience
• Appropriate numeracy skills
• Support from the sponsoring organisation confirming service need, access to appropriate supervised practice and a prescribing budget to meet the costs of prescriptions on completion of training
• A named Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP) who will facilitate, supervise and support the student during their practice placement
• A named clinical supervisor who will facilitate, supervise and support the student for 20 hours’ clinical skills placement (this role can also be performed by the DMP)
• Funding agreement from an approved HEE LaSE acute, mental health or community healthcare trust.

How to apply:
To apply for the PG Certificate in Prescribing please download and complete the interactive application form and return to the Postgraduate Administrator, Medway School of Pharmacy, Anson Building, Central Avenue, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4BT, or email to pgtpharmadmin@kent.ac.uk. Please note that further application to University of Greenwich will be required if your application is approved. Instructions will be given if you are accepted on to the programme.

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For more information go to the Postgraduate Certificate in Independent & Supplementary Prescribing (Clinically Enhanced) page on the website or contact our Postgraduate Administrator via pgtpharmadmin@kent.ac.uk or call Medway School of Pharmacy on 01634 202935.