

medway school of pharmacy

Independent / Supplementary
Prescribing Standard Programme
Postgraduate Certificate / Institutional credit



Why study this programme?

There is a high and rising demand for a range of health professionals to qualify as non-medical prescribers. This is a part-time, distance learning programme for community pharmacists, nurses and midwives, physiotherapists, podiatrists, advanced paramedic practitioners and therapeutic radiographers (who qualify as independent prescribers) and diagnostic radiographers and dietitians (who qualify as supplementary prescribers). Choose your programme length: we can offer you eight months or a full year of study for the same qualification.

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 also spend 90 hours shadowing prescribers in supervised practice working in their chosen area.

We offer the programme as a postgraduate certificate in either:

- Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for pharmacists, nurses and midwives, physiotherapists, podiatrists, advanced paramedic practitioners and therapeutic radiographers
- Supplementary Prescribing for diagnostic radiographers and dietitians

We also offer nurses the option to undertake the Short Course in Independent and Supplementary Prescribing and gain 45 credits at level 6.

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 and pharmacology before starting the main Independent / Supplementary Prescribing Programme. You can also access a NEW 20 credit clinical module, **before** or after you have taken your main prescribing qualification, gaining the same clinical training offered on the Clinically Enhanced 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 four compulsory modules

PGCert Independent/Supplementary Prescribing

- Non-medical Prescribing in Context (15 credits)
- Safe and Effective Prescribing (15 credits)
- Consultation and Decision Making (15 credits)
- Putting Prescribing into Practice (15 credits)

Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Nurses – Level 6

- Background to Non-Medical Prescribing (10 credits)
- Prescribing Safely and Effectively (10 credits)
- Embedding Prescribing in your Consultations (10 credits)
- The Practice of Prescribing (15 credits)

Career Opportunities

There is high and rising demand for both non-medical prescribing nurse practitioners in GP surgeries and for pharmacists in the community or primary care settings. There are also enhanced career opportunities for radiographers, physiotherapists, podiatrists, paramedics and dietitians 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 also spend 12 days in supervised practice overseen by a named Practice Supervisor (nurses and midwives)/Designated Medical Practitioner (pharmacists and AHPs), and between 12 and 18 days of individual study time.

Students are assessed through written assignments (case study analysis, legislative essay, evidence-based assignment), exams (numeracy and pharmacology), a practical assessment of prescribing practice (PAPP), a narrative based on portfolio entries, and attendance for a period of learning in practice.

Financial information¹

£2,550

¹The 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 appropriate professional/regulatory body (NMC, GPhC, PSNI or HCPC)
- Appropriate experience in the area of practice in which applicant will be prescribing
- The ability to study at academic level 6 or level 7
- **Nurses and Midwives:** At least one years' post-registration clinical experience in the UK. This includes all nurse (level 1), midwife or SCPHN registrants (including NHS, self-employed or non-NHS employed registrants)
- **Pharmacists:** At least two years' post-registration clinical experience in the UK
- **Allied Health Professionals (excluding Paramedics):** At least three years' post-registration clinical experience in the UK
- **Advanced Paramedic Practitioners:** College of Paramedics recommend that paramedics are registered and qualified for at least five years with at least three years' relevant post-qualification experience in the clinical area in which they will be prescribing
- Appropriate numeracy skills
- Support from the sponsoring organisation confirming service need and access to appropriate supervised practice, and a prescribing budget to meet the costs of prescriptions on completion of training

- A named Practice Supervisor (nurses and midwives)/Designated Medical Practitioner (other professions) who will facilitate, supervise and support the student during their clinical placement
- Nurse and midwife applicants must have a Disclosure and Barring Service check no more than three years old

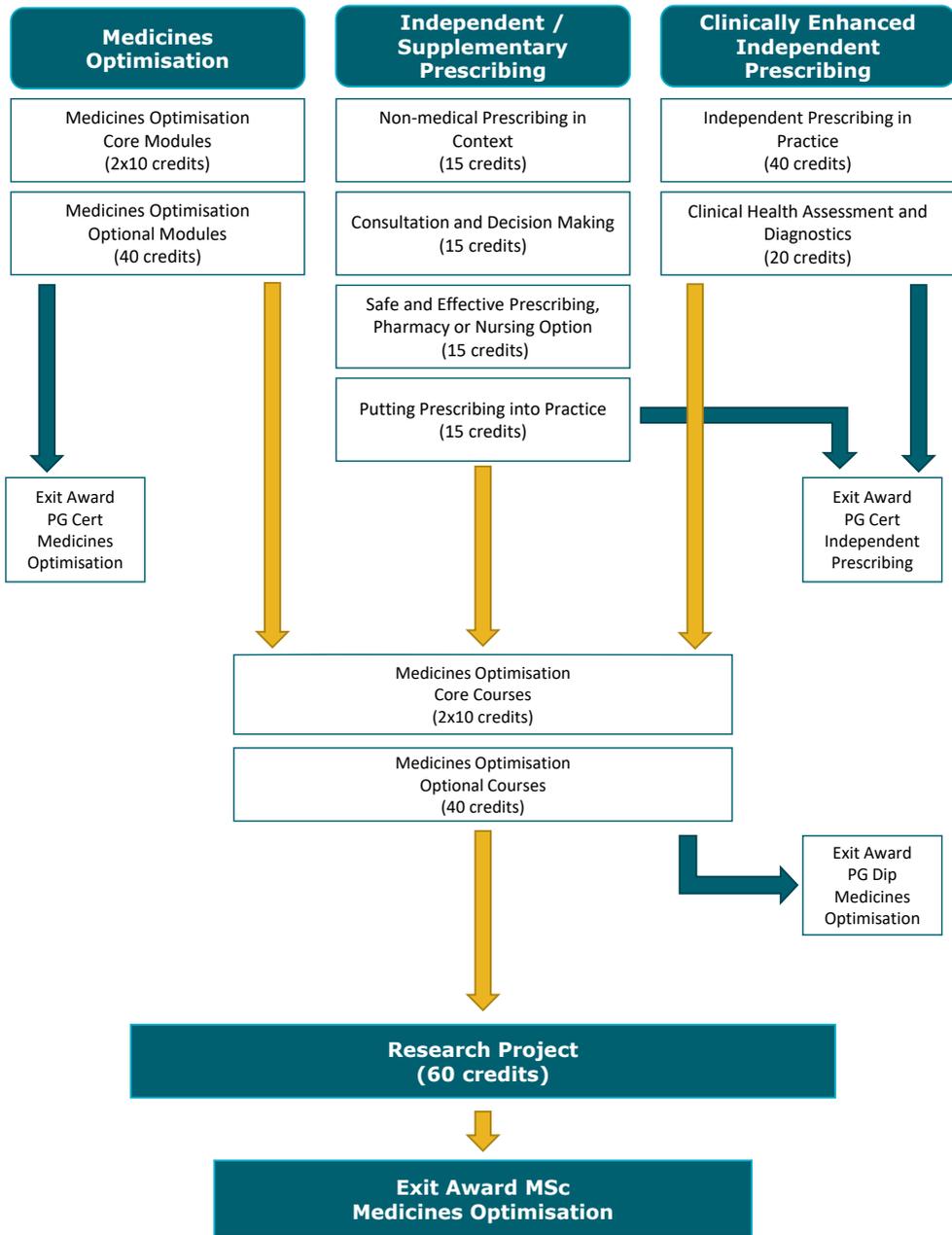
How to apply:

To apply for the PG Certificate in Prescribing please download and complete the interactive application form that matches your profession – nurses, pharmacists, AHPs – 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.

P11173 Postgraduate Certificate Independent and Supplementary Prescribing

P13583 Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (Level 6)

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



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