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Medicines Optimisation
PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc

www.msp.ac.uk
Why study this programme?
Whether you are working in primary or secondary care, in a GP surgery, a community pharmacy or for a hospital trust, the Medicines Optimisation programme equips all healthcare professionals with the skills and knowledge to contribute effectively to medicines optimisation services and to individual drug therapy decisions. The curriculum places emphasis on the contribution of medicines optimisation techniques to chronic disease management. It has been designed to enable you to incorporate your learning into the workplace and to support you in rising to the challenges presented by a patient-centred NHS which focuses on quality of care.

Your routes to your Medicines Optimisation MSc:

1. Traditional registration on the full distance-learning programme taking the core courses and options as outlined below.

2. Register to pay-as-you-go and choose one short course at a time from the options list. Build up to 40 credits and then transfer onto the full MSc.

3. Take the PG Certificate Independent / Supplementary Prescribing – an alternative pathway for either the first or the second 60 credits of the medicines optimisation programme. Please see the pathway diagram for details.

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?

**PG Cert Medicines Optimisation**
- Medicines Management in Practice (10 credits)
- Consultation and Communication in Practice: Patients as Partners (10 credits)
- Plus 40 credits from the list of options

**PG Dip Medicines Optimisation**
- Using Evidence Effectively (10 credits)
- Medication Review in Practice (10 credits)
- Plus 40 credits from the list of options

**MSc Medicines Optimisation**
- Research Project (60 credits)
MSc Options
Choose from this wide range of options to suit the focus of your own clinical practice setting.

- Minor Ailments: Infections and Infestations (10 credits)
- Minor Ailments: Pain (5 credits)
- Asthma (5 credits)
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (5 credits)
- Hypertension (5 credits)
- Heart Failure (5 credits)
- Ischaemic Heart Disease (5 credits)
- Type 2 Diabetes (5 credits)
- Type 1 Diabetes (5 credits)
- Bipolar Affective Disorder (5 credits)
- Depression (5 credits)
- Dementia (5 credits)
- Patient Monitoring in Practice (5 credits)
- Advanced Patient Monitoring in Practice (5 credits)
- Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis (20 credits)

Focus on

Skills for Dermatology
A must-do module for all healthcare professionals in primary care. You will be able to register and pay online to access learning materials (written and video content and a study guide) and assessment (scenario-based MCQs and a portfolio of competence). Skills for Dermatology covers history taking and skin examination, treatment, bacterial, fungal and viral skin infections, eczema, psoriasis, and other common skin conditions. Gain 10 credits at postgraduate level – incorporated into a wider selection of our short course modules or taken as a standalone qualification.

Preparing for Prescribing Courses
- Pharmacology for Prescribing Practice (5 credits)
- Numeracy for Prescribing Practice (5 credits)

Skills Courses
- Skills for Dermatology (New eCourse available) (10 credits)
- Skills for MURs (pharmacists only) (5 credits)

Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis (CCAD)
Are you already a non-medical prescriber (NMP) or are you about to become one? Are you sometimes in a position where more general clinical skills would help you make referral decisions? Take the opportunity to get some key clinical skills to equip you in your NMP role. Be able to identify key red flags outside your scope of practice. Know when to refer on.

This new 20 credit module is part of the Medway School of Pharmacy (MSoP) suite of short courses and can be taken either before the independent/supplementary prescribing programme or on completion of the IP qualification. You will study for five days over a period of two months and then take an OSCE style assessment.

It is open to pharmacists, nurses, paramedics, dietitians, radiographers and physiotherapists. Take the opportunity to access the content of the clinical module that is available for hospital, mental health, community trust and CCG pharmacists on the Clinically Enhanced Prescribing programme.
Career Opportunities
This degree equips you to work more closely with other healthcare professionals in primary care, particularly GPs and CCGs, while developing clinical skills in your chosen specialty areas of care and offering you the opportunity to qualify as a non-medical prescriber.

Teaching and assessment
The majority of short courses include scenario-based learning activities and reflective portfolio activities to help you develop your understanding and perspective on the subject. These activities will not be formally reviewed or assessed in any way; they are there to help you get the most from the course content. When you have completed all the reading and the integrated exercises associated with your course, you are ready to progress to the course assignments.

Short course assessment is through the completion of work-based case studies and assignments. Generally a five-credit course is assessed via completion and submission of case studies. Additional written work is required for 10-credit courses. Guidance is given on word length which will usually reflect the allocation of marks. If this is not the case, the marking system will be clearly outlined. The Preparing for Prescribing online courses are assessed via online MCQs. Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis is assessed via OSCEs. Skills for MURs and Skills for Dermatology are assessed via scenario-based MCQs.

Financial information
£2,300 per 60 credits

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. 6 years allowed for completion of entire programme or part of the programme.

Entry requirements:
Applicants must be pharmacists, nurses or AHPs registered with the relevant UK professional body and working in the NHS or similar UK-based health system providing direct patient care.

They must have a first degree in a relevant subject from an EU university. Equivalent qualifications from a non-EU university may be acceptable, but this will be assessed on an individual basis.

Students must have direct access to patients in order to complete the assignments in many of the courses.

How to apply:
Please apply via the University of Greenwich online application form.

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