

Programme Specification

MSc by Research in Pharmacy Practice

PFTZPHARPRHS

For students entering in September 2018

This document sets out key information about your Programme and forms part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.

Awarding Institution	University of Reading
Teaching Institution	University of Reading
Length of Programme	12 months (full-time)
Accreditation	Not applicable
Programme Start Dates	September

Programme information and content

The course aims to prepare students for subsequent PhD studies or for pursuing a research career in patient-facing pharmacy roles or academia by providing them with:

- Practical experience of the most important methods used in pharmacy practice research and an understanding of research design and analysis;
- Critical appraisal skills for understanding published pharmacy practice research ; and
- The ability to plan, manage and conduct an in-depth pharmacy practice research project

Module information

The programme comprises of 180 credits, allocated across two compulsory modules. The compulsory modules are listed below.

Compulsory Modules:

Module	Name	Credits	Level
PMMR1	Research Methods and Advanced Topics	30	7
PMMRP	Research Project in Advanced Topics	150	7

Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

Due to the intensive nature of the research project it is not anticipated that part-time or modular arrangements will be offered for this programme.

Additional costs of the programme

Printing and photocopying facilities are available on campus at a cost of £0.05 per page.

Costs are indicative and are subject to inflation and other price fluctuations.

The estimates were calculated in 2018.

Placement opportunities

Because of the specific nature of pharmacy practice in the UK and restrictions on timelines due to ethical application requirements, it is unlikely that students will be allowed to conduct their research element abroad.

Teaching and learning delivery:

Teaching is organised in modules. The delivery of materials takes a variety of forms including lectures, practical classes, seminars and small group discussions.

Total study hours for your programme will be 1800 hours. The contact hours for your programme will depend upon your module combination; an average for a typical set of modules on this programme is – 85 hours. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study and project work. Information about module contact hours and the amount of independent study which a student is normally expected to undertake for a module is indicated in the relevant module description.

Accreditation details

Not applicable

Assessment

Assessment is modular and involves coursework. The nature of the assessment is determined by the aims of the module.

Progression

Students will be required to achieve an overall pass mark for module PMMR1 before being allowed to progress to the research project module (PMMRP)

Classification

The University's taught postgraduate marks classification is as follows:

Mark Interpretation

70 - 100% Distinction

60 - 69% Merit

50 - 59% Good standard (Pass)

Failing categories:

40 - 49% Work below threshold standard

0 - 39% Unsatisfactory Work

For Masters Degree

To qualify for **Distinction**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 70 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 60 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits; and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Merit**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 60 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits;
and
- (iv) students must not have any mark below 40.

To qualify for **Passed**, students must

- (i) gain an overall average of 50 or more over 180 credits; and
- (ii) a mark of 50 or more for the dissertation; and
- (iii) the total credit value of all modules marked below 50 must not exceed 55 credits;
and
- (iv) the total credit value of all modules marked below 40 must not exceed 30 credits.