

## Programme Specification

FPS Conversion Programme for Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists PPTFPSCIPPA  
For students entering in 2019/20

**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	FPS Conversion Programme for Independent Prescribing for Pharmacists - 3 months
Accreditation	General Pharmaceutical Council
Programme Start Dates	September, January and May 2019

### Programme information and content

The aim of this programme is to enable pharmacist supplementary prescribers to practise and develop as independent prescribers and to meet the standards set by the General Pharmaceutical Council.

The programme is based on a philosophy of student led, practitioner centred, workplace-based learning. Practitioners are expected to take responsibility for managing their learning and achieving the programme objectives. The ethos and culture of the programme is to enhance and develop self-reliance and an independent approach to learning in support of continuing professional development.

The programme is formed of one compulsory module. Students can discuss opportunities to transfer their learning to credit bearing modules via the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice programme

### Module information

There is one non-credit bearing CPD module:

*Compulsory*

Mod Code	Module Title	Credits	Level
PMMSPO	Independent prescribing conversion	0	7

### Part-time or flexible modular arrangements

The programme is delivered in a part-time approach integrated into the practitioners' existing employment. From an HEI perspective they are only required to attend facilitated learning sets, tutorials and/or assessments as determined by the module descriptor.

### Additional costs of the programme

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

As part of ensuring the safety of students, patients and the public, some students will be required to undergo police (Disclosure & Barring Service). The initial DBS check costs approximately £51.20.

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

The estimates were calculated in 2018.

### **Optional modules**

There is only one compulsory module for this programme. Students can discuss opportunities to transfer their learning to credit bearing modules via the MSc/PGDip/PGCert in Advancing Healthcare Practice which is a flexible modular programme allowing individualised learning pathways using a mixture of optional and compulsory modules.

### **Placement opportunities**

To study on this programme students need to be in existing healthcare employment. There are no HEI organised opportunities for study abroad or placements.

### **Teaching and learning delivery**

The module may involve a combination of lectures, tutorials, workshops, seminars, practical sessions, delivered as blended learning including face-to-face teaching and distance learning where appropriate to learning outcomes. Students will have appropriate support in their workplace from their Designated Medical Practitioner.

The contact hours for this programme are stated in the relevant module descriptions. In addition to your scheduled contact hours, you will be expected to undertake guided independent study. 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**

This programme is accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council. As registered healthcare professionals with the General Pharmaceutical Council, students are expected to maintain behaviours associated with the code of conduct, and must abide by University regulations, including the Fitness to Practice policy. Deviation from these standards may lead to the instigation of University Academic Misconduct and/or Fitness to Practice processes. Students are required to inform the Programme Director of any change in circumstances that may affect their ability, or suitability, to continue their studies.

### **Assessment**

Assessment methods used will be according to those stated in the module descriptors to align to the learning outcomes. These include a professional portfolio, essays, case studies, clinical examinations, and supervised learning in practice.

### **Progression**

This programme contains one compulsory module. Students who transfer their learning to credit bearing modules via the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice programme may be required to meet conditions to enable the learning to be considered for available modules.

### **Classification**

The following provide a classification guide for each module with the final degree classification being determined in accordance with the procedures of the University of Reading which can be found in full at:

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/web/FILES/exams/PGclassification-post-2008.pdf>.

#### 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

To qualify for the award of Certificate of Completion, students must achieve an overall weighted average of at least 50% or more. The Certificate of Completion is awarded on a Pass / Fail basis only. Critical failure in the assessment, such as causing, or failing to identify, serious harm to a patient will automatically be considered a fail.

**For further information about your Programme please refer to the Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions, which are available at <http://www.reading.ac.uk/module/>. The Programme Handbook and the relevant module descriptions do not form part of your Terms and Conditions with the University of Reading.**

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