

# **medway** school of pharmacy

## General Pharmacy Practice PG Certificate and PG Diploma





## Why study this programme?

The PG Cert / PG Dip programmes in General Pharmacy Practice have been designed in close collaboration with NHS partners to support the development of foundation stage pharmacist practitioners following registration.

The programmes align with a nationally agreed pharmacy practitioner development strategy and have been created through a close working collaboration of higher education institutions across London and the south and east of England.

The programmes are predominantly work-based and the structure will empower you to plan and develop your own learning pathway. You will gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to undertake your role; within your practice and in your wider healthcare teams.

You will develop the understanding needed to conduct effective consultations with patients, respecting their diverse needs and with regard to confidentiality and consent, to identify, prioritise and resolve complex pharmaceutical care issues.

The student-centred workplace learning is accompanied by workbooks and active learning sets which take place in Kent, Surrey and Sussex. You will be supported in the workplace by an educational supervisor, and university learning is delivered by experienced pharmacy practitioners.

## 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?

### Foundation stage 1:

- Practitioner Development and Establishment of Professional and Clinical Practice (60 credits)

### Foundation stage 2:

- Developing Self, Others and Your Operational Management Skills (30 credits)
- Ensuring Patient Safety and a Quality Service (30 credits)

## Career opportunities

This programme provides progression for pharmacists towards advanced practitioner status. Completion of the practice elements of the course leads to the award of the Certificate of Completion of General Pharmacist Training from an accredited training centre.

The PG Dip GPP qualification is the entry requirement for the MSc GPP.



## Key facts

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### Attendance:

Distance learning only.

### Length:

18 months (Certificate/Foundation Stage 1 only)

Two and a half years (Certificate/Foundation Stage 1 and Diploma/Foundation Stage 2)

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

### Entry requirements:

Applicants will be pharmacists registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).

In addition practitioners must have an accredited practice base from which to

operate and have access to an accredited educational supervisor.

### How to apply:

There is an application process specific to Health Education England – London and the South East – Kent, Surrey, Sussex (HEE-LaSE-KSS) who commission the programme for pharmacists working within the NHS in the KSS area. Other applicants can apply via the University of Greenwich online application form.

For more information please contact our Postgraduate Administrator via [pgtpharmadmin@kent.ac.uk](mailto:pgtpharmadmin@kent.ac.uk) or call Medway School of Pharmacy on 01634 202935.

## Teaching and assessment

The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma programmes are predominantly work-based and develop competencies using the Foundation Pharmacy Framework (FPF), a validated competency framework accredited by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

At the start of the programme you will be allocated an educational supervisor (practice tutor), who will help you plan your learning in the workplace, and an academic facilitator (academic tutor), who will offer support throughout the course and deliver the active learning sets which underpin the self-directed learning in the workplace.

You will develop your own learning pathway which will aim to address your own personal and professional development needs. A range of formative workplace assessments will help you to plan your learning and assess current levels of competency against the FPF. You will present yourself for summative assessment when you, your educational supervisor and your academic tutor feel you are ready.

You will be assessed through objective structured clinical examination, a written examination which includes both multiple-

choice and short case based questions, assignments, a therapeutic review, a change management project, case study presentations and a competency-based portfolio review.

Regular progress reviews enable the identification of failing students so that remedial action can be planned and implemented.

## Financial information<sup>1</sup>

Hospital pharmacists working in the NHS within Kent, Surrey or Sussex may be able to receive funding to undertake the course from Health Education England – London and the South East – Kent, Surrey, Sussex (HEE-LaSE-KSS). Hospital pharmacists working outside the area covered by HEE-LaSE-KSS can either arrange for sponsorship from their individual hospital trust or self-fund. The cost for those outside of the HEE-LaSE-KSS contract is as follows:

PG Certificate: £1,300

PG Diploma: £1,920

<sup>1</sup>The fees quoted are for the academic year from August 2017. Fees for current academic year available from the administrator and subject to timely application and registration.

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