

medway school of pharmacy

Independent/Supplementary Prescribing

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 which enables pharmacists, nurses and midwives, physiotherapists, podiatrists and therapeutic radiographers to qualify as independent prescribers while diagnostic radiographers and dietitians can qualify as supplementary prescribers. Choose your programme length: we can offer you six months, 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 clinical 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 and therapeutic radiographers
- Supplementary Prescribing for diagnostic radiographers and dietitians

We also offer 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).

We would recommend that all students interested in the prescribing programme do access the free 'Developing Your Prescribing Scope of Practice' MOOC (Massive Online Open Course). We also have available three Preparing for Prescribing (P4P) short courses. You can develop your numeracy, pharmacology and clinical skills **before** starting the main Independent / Supplementary 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 4 courses (modules)

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All four courses are compulsory

- 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 – 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 and pharmacists in GP surgeries or other primary care settings. There are also enhanced career opportunities for radiographers, physiotherapists, podiatrists 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 clinical practice, overseen by the Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP).

Students are assessed through a practical assessment of prescribing practice (PAPP), written assignments, case study analysis,

numeracy and pharmacology exams, multiple-choice questions, narrative based on portfolio entries, and attendance at a period of learning in practice.

Financial information¹

Fee: £2,200

¹The 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.

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 they will be prescribing
- The ability to study at academic level 6 or level 7
- At least 2 years post-registration clinical experience (pharmacists)
- At least 3 years post-registration clinical experience (nurses and allied health professionals)
- 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 designated medical practitioner who will facilitate, supervise and support the student during their clinical placement
- AHP and nurse applicants must have a Disclosure and Barring Service check no more than three years old

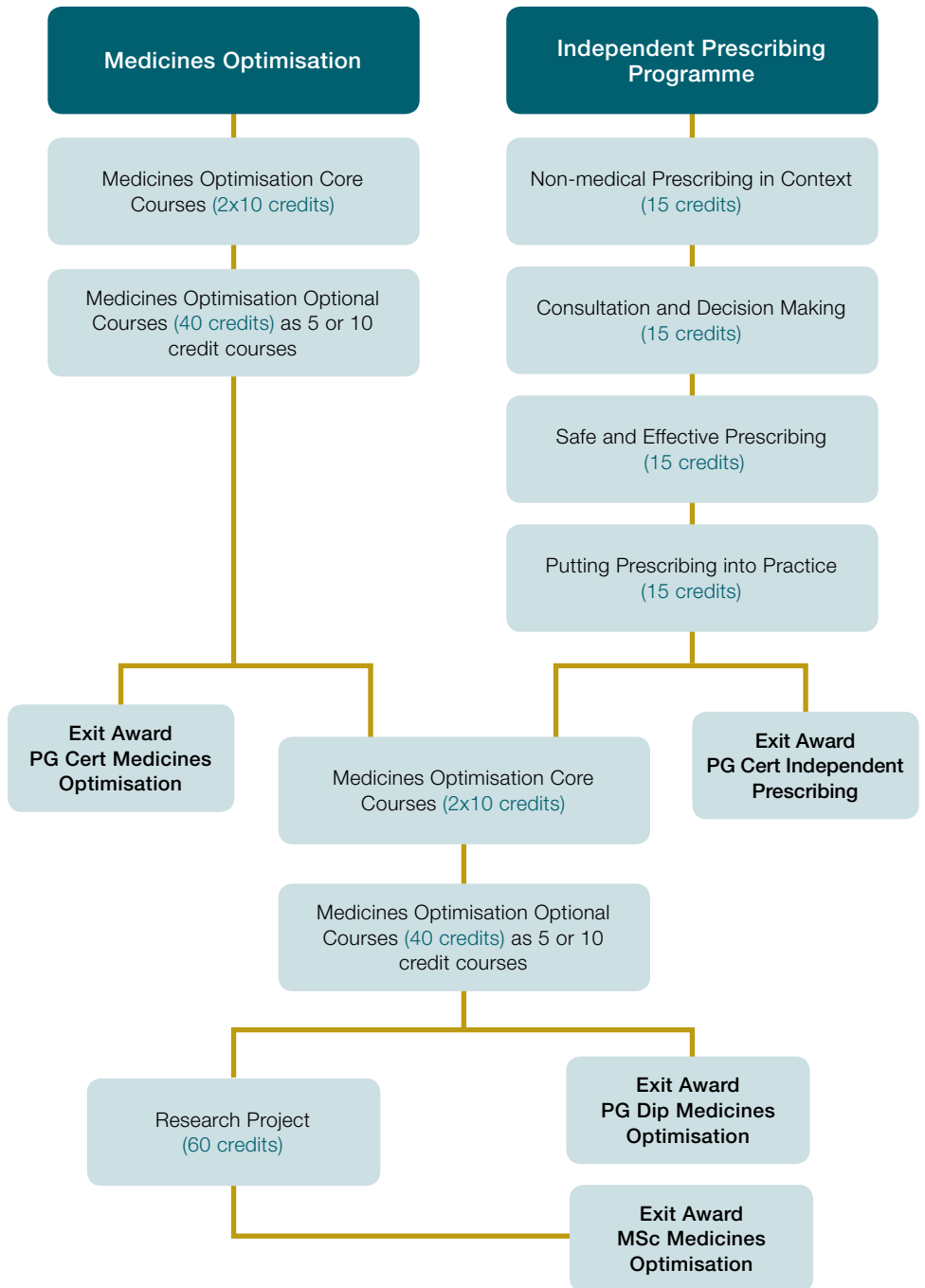
How to apply:

To apply for the PG Certificate in Prescribing please download and complete the electronic **application form at www.msp.ac.uk/documents/msop_isp_application_form_2017.pdf** and return to the Postgraduate Administrator, Medway School of Pharmacy, Anson Building, Central Avenue, Chatham Maritime, Kent, ME4 4TB, or email to pgtppharmadmin@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.

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Independent and Supplementary Prescribing

P13199 Independent and Supplementary
Prescribing (Level 6)

Pathway Diagram



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