

medway school of pharmacy

Medicines Optimisation

PG Cert, PG Dip, MSc



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 your role providing patient-centred care.

Four 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. **NEW:** Medicines Optimisation – Practice Pharmacists' Pathway (MOPPP) which is a short course pathway designed to help pharmacists working in GP practices to reflect on their day-to-day experience and develop key skills and knowledge to underpin their medicines optimisation work. Build up 30 credits and then transfer to the full MSc programme.
3. Register on our short courses and take some 5-credit courses from the options list. Build up to 40 credits and then transfer onto the full MSc.

4. Via the independent / supplementary prescribing programme which is a postgraduate certificate qualification and can be taken as 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.

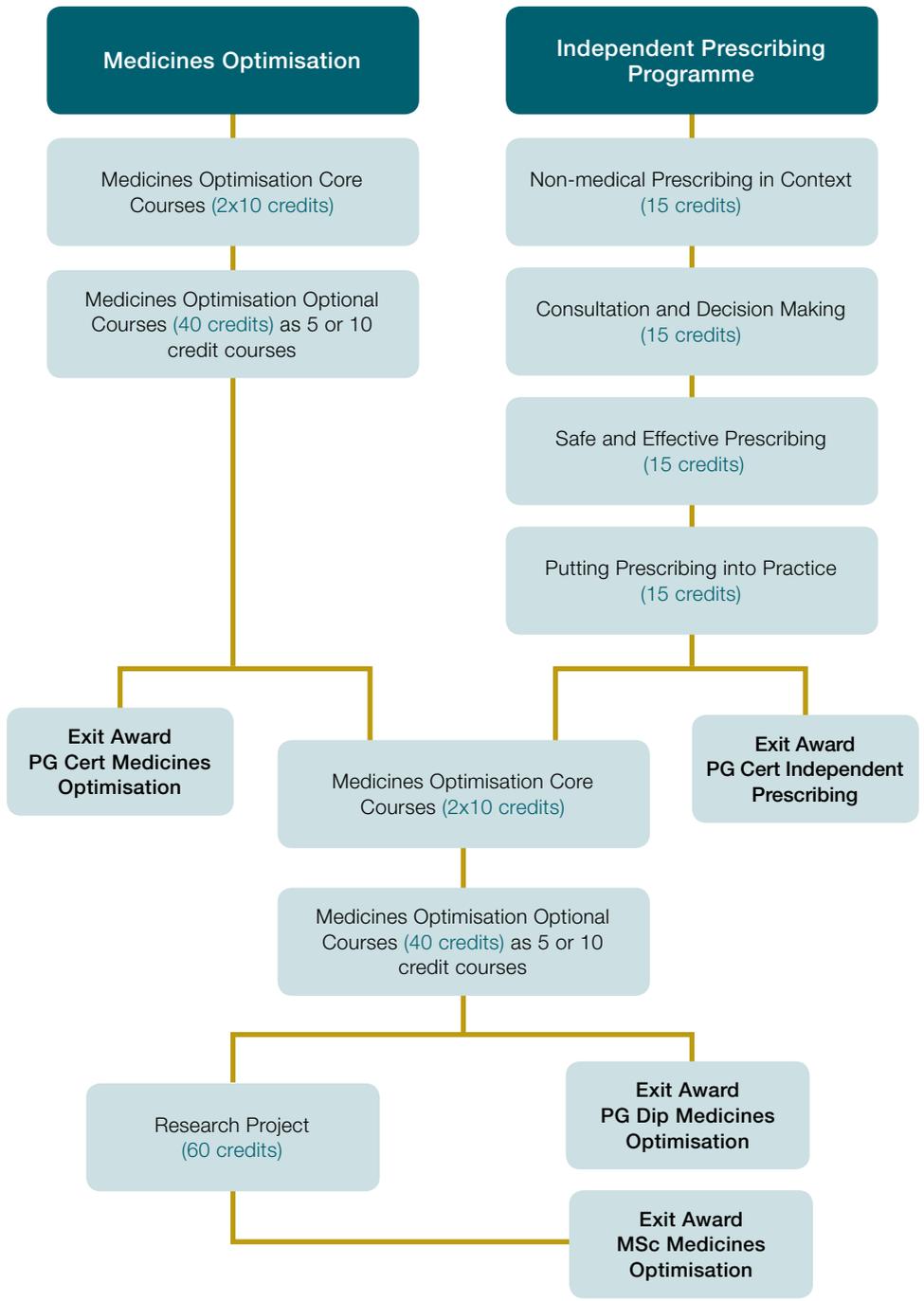
The school is located at the heart of a multi-university campus development at Chatham Maritime in Medway, Kent.

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.

Pathway Diagram



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)
- Skills for MURs (pharmacists only) (5 credits)
- Skills for Urgent care (eCourse available from Sept 2018) (5 credits)
- Skills for Dermatology (eCourse available from Sept 2018) (5 credits)



New for 2017

Medicines Optimisation – Practice Pharmacists' Pathway (MOPPP)

With more and more emphasis on pharmacists in primary care we are offering a GP pathway for pharmacists new to working in a GP surgery. You will attend our new Clinical and Consultation Skills two-day short course and take three of the core courses from the Medicines Optimisation list; tailored to include work that is based around everyday cases and learning in your day-to-day experience as part of the programme of study.

The core courses will give you a full understanding of medicines optimisation in the NHS and how it contributes to getting the maximum benefits for patients and the best value for money.

Skills for Medicines Use Review (MURs)

This course is available for pharmacists only. It serves to accredit pharmacists to provide Medicines Use Reviews for patients under the NHS Pharmacy Contract. The supporting distance learning materials provided cover a range of clinical topics.

Assessment is through online case studies. For more information about Skills for MURs please visit:

www.skillsformurs.co.uk

Patient Monitoring in Practice

Understanding why tests are carried out and interpreting them correctly is vital not only in terms of making the correct diagnosis, but also for monitoring both disease and drug therapy. Patients often ask about tests that they have had or are likely to undergo. These include screening tests, such as cervical smears or mammograms, as well as diagnostic specific tests such as blood tests, X-rays and scans. There are two patient monitoring in practice courses, each worth 5 academic credits. They will help you to understand the purpose and rationale for testing and monitoring patients and will help you to explain the tests to patients and carers.

The first five credits can be earned by successfully completing a multiple choice question examination online. For those who wish to go into the subject in greater depth, a further five credits can be achieved by completing and submitting three case studies. These case studies will need to demonstrate additional reading around the case study topics.

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

Each course includes 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.

Assessment is through the completion of work-based case studies and assignments. Generally a 5-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.

Financial information¹

Fee: £2,200 per 60 credits

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

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