

medway school of pharmacy

Skills for MURs

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Why study this programme?

Skills for MURs is a PSNC-endorsed course that enables every community pharmacist to qualify to provide Medicine Use Reviews as an Advanced Service under the 2013 community pharmacy contract for England.

The Medicines Use Review (MUR) and Prescription Intervention Service consist of accredited pharmacists undertaking structured adherence-centred reviews with patients on multiple medicines, particularly those receiving medicines for long-term conditions. National target groups have been agreed in order to guide the selection of patients to whom the service will be offered.

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?

Skills for MURs at the Medway School of Pharmacy is a distance-learning course delivered via an online portal. It consists of Learning Materials and Online Assessment. The learning materials cover a range of clinical topics and are designed to give community pharmacists the knowledge and practice skills to provide MURs. These are electronic and will be delivered to you by email per licence purchase.

The materials are in two parts:

Part 1:

The MUR Handbook is a comprehensive “how to” guide, which sets out the service requirements and the key skills pharmacists need to possess to successfully deliver an MUR service.

It is divided into 14 sections:

- Course introduction
- Course assessment
- What is the Medicines Use Review Intervention Service?
- MUR service specification
- Preparing to provide MUR
- Selecting patients for MURs

- Preparing to conduct MURs
- The MUR consultation
- Conducting MURs
- Prioritising in MURs
- Reflecting on MURs
- Providing feedback to GPs
- Self-assessment questions
- Answers to self-assessment questions

Part 2:

A series of 16 clinical modules cover therapeutic areas you are likely to encounter when conducting MURs. You will need a current issue of the BNF and internet access to work through the modules.

Both Parts 1 and 2 of the Learning Materials contain self-assessment questions so you can check your understanding of the subject areas. The clinical modules also feature self-assessment case studies, identified as “MUR in Focus” to help you apply your learning to practice scenarios. The answers to the self-assessment questions and case studies are given at the end

Career opportunities

The Skills for MURs accreditation will allow you to conduct Medicines Use Reviews and the Prescription Intervention Service, specified as an Advanced Services in the 2013 pharmacy contractual framework for England. The Medicine Use Review certificate is worth five academic credits at Master’s level. These credits can be used towards achieving a Postgraduate Certificate in Medicines Optimisation within the Medway Short Course Pathway.



Key facts

Attendance:

Web based distance learning

Entry requirements:

MPharm graduates with pre-registration or full registration with the GPhC

How to apply:

To pay and register go to www.skillsformurs.co.uk

For further details please email help@skillsformurs.co.uk

Assessment

To pass the online Assessment students must successfully complete three case studies. Once you have successfully completed the assessment you will be awarded a certificate from the Universities of Kent and Greenwich.

Financial information

Fees:

Learning Materials - £45

Online Assessment - £75



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