

medway school of pharmacy

Short Courses and CPD

Institutional credit



Why study this programme?

Medway School of Pharmacy offers a range of distance learning modules and short course programmes for pharmacists, nurses and other healthcare professionals who wish to enhance the medicines optimisation services they offer patients and to assist in meeting their continuing professional development (CPD) learning needs.

You may enrol on as many or as few courses as you like. You can choose one course at a time on a pay-as-you-go basis, choosing from a variety of courses from the entire Medicines Optimisation course list. Each individual course is charged separately.

Alternatively, you may wish to take our short course programme. This gives you the opportunity to put together 30 credits worth of individual short courses tailored to your own needs. Undertaking a short course programme enables you to combine courses in a way that matches your CPD requirements. Successful completion of a short course programme will result in the issue of a certificate of completion and a transcript conferring 30 academic credits.

It is possible to accrue credits from individual short courses up to a maximum of 40 credits. At this point you have the option to transfer onto the Medicines Optimisation (PGCert/PGDip/MSc). There are two compulsory 10-credit courses which are part of the PG Certificate and must be taken in order to complete the formal award.

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.

Focus on

Skills for Dermatology

A must-do module for all healthcare professionals in primary care. You will be able to register and pay online to access learning materials (written and video content and a study guide) and assessment (scenario-based MCQs and a portfolio of competence). Skills for Dermatology covers history taking and skin examination, treatment, bacterial, fungal and viral skin infections, eczema, psoriasis, and other common skin conditions. Gain 10 credits at postgraduate level – incorporated into a wider selection of our short course modules or taken as a standalone qualification.

Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis (CCAD)

Are you already a non-medical prescriber (NMP) or are you about to become one? Are you sometimes in a position where more general clinical skills would help you make referral decisions? Take the opportunity to get some key clinical skills to equip you in your NMP role. Be able to identify key red flags outside your scope of practice. Know when to refer on.

This new 20 credit module is part of the Medway School of Pharmacy (MSoP) suite of short courses and can be taken either before the independent/ supplementary prescribing programme or on completion of the IP qualification. You will study for five days over a period of two months and then take an OSCE style assessment.

It is open to pharmacists, nurses, paramedics, dietitians, radiographers and physiotherapists. Take the opportunity to access the content of the clinical module that is available for hospital, mental health, community trust and CCG pharmacists on the Clinically Enhanced Prescribing programme.

Our short courses

- 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)
- Using Evidence Effectively (10 credits)
- Medication Review in Practice (10 credits)
- Medicines Management in Practice (10 credits)
- Consultation and Communication in Practice: Patients as Partners (10 credits)
- Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis (20 credits)

Preparing for Prescribing Courses

- Pharmacology for Prescribing Practice (5 credits)
- Numeracy for Prescribing Practice (5 credits)

Skills Courses

- Skills for Dermatology (New eCourse available) (10 credits)
- Skills for MURs (pharmacists only) (5 credits)



Key facts

Attendance:

Distance learning plus one attendance based short course (CCAD).

Entry requirements:

Bachelor or Master's Degree in a relevant subject

Relevant Healthcare Professional Qualification

Registered to work in the UK as a pharmacist/nurse/physiotherapist/podiatrist/paramedic/radiotherapist/dietitian/technician.

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.

Teaching and assessment

The majority of short courses include 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.

Short course assessment is through the completion of work-based case studies and assignments. Generally a five-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. The Preparing for Prescribing online courses are assessed via online MCQs. Clinical

Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis is assessed OSCEs. Skills for MURs and Skills for Dermatology are assessed via scenario-based MCQs.

Financial information¹

5-credit short course: £190

10-credit short course: £380

Patient Monitoring in Practice: £130

Advanced Patient Monitoring in Practice: £130

Short Course Programme (30 credits): £1,100

Skills for Dermatology: £220

Numeracy/Pharmacology for Prescribing Practice: £120

Clinical Consultation, Assessment and Diagnosis: £1,200

¹The fees quoted are for the academic year from August 2019. Fees for current academic year available from the administrator and subject to timely application and registration.



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