

JPB Certificate and Diploma in Foundation Pharmacy Practice

Course summary

The course is studied at masters level and will lead to a 60 credit PG Certificate in Foundation Pharmacy Practice or a 120 credit PG Diploma in Foundation Pharmacy Practice

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Aligned to the RPS Foundation Programme

What are the benefits of attending?

The Joint Programmes Board (JPB) is a partnership, between the NHS pharmacy services and the local Schools of Pharmacy across the south east of England. It aims to ensure the content and structure of postgraduate professional education meets current and anticipated requirements of patients, practitioners and health service organisations. The content and assessment is completed at a similar level for all trainee generalists which ensures that completion has a similar currency for practitioners and employers. Upon completion of the PG Diploma students receive an academic diploma.

Who is the course aimed at?

The foundation programme is primarily aimed at pharmacists who are newly registered, in their first 1000 days of practice. But is also suitable for those returning after a career break or changing scope of practice to move their career forward and develop ongoing competence. It helps to support development of core skills, competencies, and knowledge required to provide pharmaceutical care alongside professional development.

What is covered by the course?

The programme will contribute to a post-registration education structure to ensure you are fit for purpose in relation to modern working practices and policies. It will increase your competence and contribute to your personal and professional development.

Key areas covered include:

Clinical knowledge and services - including biochemistry, drug monitoring, management of specific long-term conditions taught by specialist pharmacists, consultation skills

Medicines Information

Patient Services

Technical Services

Critical Appraisal of Evidence

Audit

Service improvement

Entry requirements

A pharmacy degree (BSc, BPharm, or MPharm), registration as a practising pharmacist with the General Pharmaceutical Council and a practice-base. The programme is suitable for pharmacist's working in primary or secondary care.

When does the course start?

- November 2017 for the next PGCert intake
- Contact the CIPPET team for dates of the next available cohort and further information

How is the course delivered?

The course is based on a philosophy of student centred workplace learning. There are three elements:

1. A workplace programme to support application of theory to practice
2. An academic programme of half-day workshops delivered by the university – 16 sessions
3. Self-directed learning

Can previous learning be taken into account?

Students wishing to enter the programme directly at the PG Diploma can apply for recognition of prior learning, for example:

- A PG Certificate in General Pharmacy Practice from another JPB partner university
- An equivalent qualification

Students should discuss any application for recognition of prior learning with the CIPPET team before applying.

Workplace based assessments

There are a number of workplace assessments that need to be completed throughout the course to contribute to your portfolio such as case based discussions, clinical evaluation exercises and peer-assessment

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Foundation stage 1: PG Certificate (60 credits)

- Students complete the 60 credit module over 12 to 14 months using generic learning outcomes designed to develop the pharmacist as the medicines expert, including a thorough knowledge of both the science of medicines and how they exert their effect when taken by patients. Encompassing themes of medicines optimisation and safe prescribing, quality of patient care, consultation skills and decision making, commissioning and services.

Foundation stage 2: PG Diploma (60 credits)

- The programme is divided into three 6 month modules with personal and professional learning outcomes aiming to develop the pharmacist in preparation for senior roles, covering areas such as patient safety, quality and guidelines, education and training, and finance

How is the course assessed?

- The course is assessed formatively at the training centre with summative assessments at the end of each module as follows:
 - PG Certificate - successful completion of a portfolio viva, two MCQ exams, and OSCEs.
 - PG Diploma – depending on which module is chosen a combination of: successful completion of a portfolio viva, written report and oral presentation for each module.



New for PGCert

- Inclusive for all pharmacists in practice, regardless of sector
- Enriched learning experience sharing best practice amongst practitioners



New clinical masterclasses

- Mental Health
- Child's Health



Primary care and integrated roles

- Commissioning
- NHS services

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How do I apply?

1. Gain agreement from your manager
2. Confirm how the course will be funded

Who funds the course?

Your place on the course may be supported by your employer or you may wish to self-fund. Please contact the CIPPET team for details of the fees and for further information.

Course fees:

2017/2018 PGCertFPP £1350

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Tutor support

The requirement of the course is that you have an assigned tutor/supervisor in the workplace.

You will also be assigned a personal tutor from the university