Application for prescribing programme for HCPC registrants

Guidance on completing your statement of purpose

From your student checklist, and other uploaded documents, the admissions team can confirm that you meet some of the mandatory criteria set by your professional regulator but the student statement is used to support this evidence of meeting the entry criteria, as well as determining your preparedness to undertake the programme of study. You may wish to consider some of the following questions when writing your statement:

- Why you are applying for this prescribing programme?
- What experience do you have in your intended scope of practice?
- How does your intended prescribing role benefit patients?
- What support networks do you have whilst you are completing your studies?
- How do you keep up to date in your practice and reflect on your impact on patient care?
- If you are currently studying another programme at the same time, how will you manage your workload?

Please write as much as is necessary to provide evidence to support your application. You can choose to write your statement below, so you can refer to the instructions above, or you can upload your statement in a blank document. The below extracts from the entry criteria may help you to reflect on your statement contents, the full entry criteria are stated on the relevant CIPPET prescribing programme’s website.

**NMC entry criteria:**
- be a registered nurse (level 1)
- have been a registered nurse with the NMC for at least one year
- have the necessary governance support structures in place to undertake the programme (e.g. clinical support, access to protected learning time and employer support where appropriate)
- have the necessary competence, experience and academic ability to study the programme
- have the capability to provide safe and effective practice at the level of prescribing including:
  - clinical/health assessment
  - diagnostics/care management
  - planning and evaluation of care

**HCPC entry criteria:**
- be registered with the HCPC in one of the relevant Allied Health Professions (physiotherapists, podiatrists, therapeutic radiographers, paramedics, diagnostic radiographers, dietitians)
- have normally at least three years relevant post-qualification experience in the clinical area in which they will be prescribing
- be working at an advanced practitioner or equivalent level
- be professionally practising in an environment where there is an identified need for the individual to regularly use independent or supplementary prescribing
- be able to demonstrate support from their employer/sponsor including confirmation they will have appropriate supervised practice in the clinical area in which they are expected to prescribe
- be able to demonstrate medicines and clinical governance arrangements are in place to support safe and effective independent and/or supplementary prescribing
- be able to demonstrate how they reflect on their own performance and take responsibility for their own Continuing Professional Development (CPD) including development of networks for support, reflection and learning