Application for a prescribing programme

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 patient facing experience do you have that has prepared you for the programme?
- What experience do you have in your intended scope of practice?
- What prescribing decision making experience do you have in your intended scope of practice?
- What role have you had in clinical interventions and medicines optimisation that has prepared you for this prescribing programme?
- What experience do you have in working in a multidisciplinary team that as prepared you for this prescribing programme?
- 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?

You should write as much as is necessary to provide evidence to support your application.

Guidance on accompanying evidence

Applicants must have relevant clinical and/or therapeutic experience in their intended scope of practice, which is suitable to act as the foundation of their prescribing practice while training. Your statement of purpose, combined with your other application documents, may provide sufficient information, but where you reflect that there are gaps you should consider evidence you could provide that would enhance the admission team’s understanding of your experience. Alternatively, the admissions team may request further evidence if they feel your application does not demonstrate your clinical and/or therapeutic experience sufficiently.

Examples of supplementary evidence include:

- Evidence of academic credits for a module focused on your proposed scope of practice (e.g. a short-course module including learning outcomes focused on your proposed scope of practice).
- For pharmacists, a PG Certificate or PG Diploma in Pharmacy Practice, or equivalent, which includes evidence of a focus during the learning on your proposed scope of practice (e.g. an assessed rotation within your intended scope of practice and/or coursework showing evidence-based interventions for patients within your intended scope of practice).
- Evidence of formal assessed learning in advanced history taking and/or diagnostics.
- Submission of a professional portfolio of experiential learning showing proficiency in your intended scope of practice.
- Attendance at continuing education events linked to your intended scope of practice.
- Submission of CPD or revalidation records linked to your intended scope of practice.
- Interview with a member of the admissions team.