

# Fitness to Practise and Standards for Pharmacy Professionals

The Reading School of Pharmacy has fitness to practise procedures in place for MPharm students and you will be given more information about these when you join the course. The concept of 'fitness to practise' applies to students undertaking programmes that lead to a professional qualification in one of the health or social professions. Under the terms of the accreditation of the MPharm programme by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), the University has a responsibility to assess and take appropriate action regarding students' fitness to practise and their suitability to train towards becoming a Pharmacist. If you do not abide by the GPhC Standards for Pharmacy Professionals, or if we have concerns about your health, behaviour and or conduct, you may be subject to those procedures. Any disciplinary action relating to fitness to practice will be reported to the GPhC and, if serious, may prevent the student registering as a Pharmacist.

## Standards for Pharmacy Professionals

Pharmacy is one of the registered healthcare professions and carries both privileges and responsibilities. Students are expected to conduct themselves professionally at all times. The GPhC Standards for Pharmacy Professionals apply to all Pharmacy students from the first day of the course to the day of graduation and applies both on and off campus. The Standards can be viewed in full at [Standards for Pharmacy Professionals](#) and is recommended for further reading.

## The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)

The Standards for Pharmacy Professionals and the requirement for fitness to practise procedures are issued by the GPhC. However, you should note that the GPhC is not an adjudicator or appeal body and will not be able to offer prospective registration advice.

The Council is the final decision-maker in relation to an individual's eligibility to:

- enter pre-registration pharmacist training; and
- register as a Pharmacist

When making these decisions, the GPhC has the right to set aside a fitness to practise outcome made by the University, if there are grounds for doing so. The GPhC will carry out their own health and good character checks before registering an applicant. These checks relate to registration and are additional to checks made by Universities and employers. Please note that the GPhC may not register a student if a check is failed, even if they passed their previous checks. Further information about decisions made by the GPhC when applying for registration, or about making an appeal against a registration that must be made to the GPhC's Appeals Committee, can be found here ([Decisions about your application or registration](#)).