

Pharmacy Practice MSc, MSc (Prescribing), PG Dip, PG Dip (Prescribing), PG Cert

2018 entry

Duration: MSc/MSc (Prescribing): three years
PG Dip/PG Dip (Prescribing): two years
PG Cert: 12 months

Study mode: part-time

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A part time, modular postgraduate course for qualified pharmacists working in community, primary care or general practice who wish to develop excellent clinical knowledge and consultation skills. This programme of study can incorporate pharmacist independent prescribing.

Key benefits

- We are ranked 7th in the world for Pharmacy & Pharmacology (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017).
- Clinical experts and experienced academic staff lead our teaching, and combine university-based study days with work-based learning.
- Course content and assessments will reflect the most up-to-date practices which will support service development in your workplace.
- There is an opportunity to gain a Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council (NB additional competitive entry criteria apply).
- We are part of King's Heath Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre (AHSC), a pioneering collaboration between us, Guy's, St Thomas' and King's College Hospitals and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trusts.



- As an accredited Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) Foundation School, students who are RPS members have the opportunity to complete the RPS Foundation Training Programme.



Course details

Pharmacists are increasingly recognised as core providers of services relating to medicines use, disease management and health promotion. Our part-time postgraduate Pharmacy Practice course, designed specifically for qualified pharmacists working in community, primary care or general practice, will provide students with excellent clinical knowledge and consultation skills.

On completion of the course, students will be able to confidently deliver safe, efficient and effective patient care that meets the health needs of their local population. Students will also develop their knowledge and understanding of health beliefs and adherence, public health policy and strategic service development. They will be supported to engage effectively with commissioning groups, develop partnerships with GPs and implement successful pharmacy services that respond to the needs of patients and commissioners.

The course is modular, allowing students to undertake modules according to personal interests, CPD requirements or service development needs. In combination, completion of modules leads to the award of an academic qualification. Most students continue to work full time in addition to attending the course.

Teaching

We use a variety of teaching methods including tutorials, workshops, presentations and case studies. The small class size allows for interactive learning and group discussion, and some of your materials will be on our online service.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Each 15 credit module represents 150 hours of student endeavour typically comprising of:

- 15 contact hours
- 15 hours of preparation for the group seminars
- five hours of support and assessment
- 75 hours of application within their clinical setting – including undertaking of clinically related tasks
- 40 hours is to cover broader reading and engagement with clinical aspects of the work.

Assessment

We employ a variety of assessment methods, and some of the examples include:

- written reflective accounts of cases or patient interventions
- written critical reflection of a risk framework
- design of an adherence strategy
- oral presentation of a consultation framework or a case study
- written report of a business proposal
- Observed Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs).

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course modules change.

Course accreditation

Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing, accredited by the GPhC.

Regulating body

King's College London is regulated by the Higher Education Funding Council for England.

Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. You will normally take:

- MSc – modules totalling 180 credits
- PG Diploma – modules totalling 120 credits
- PG Cert – modules totalling 60 credits

Required modules

You are required to take:

- MSc and MSc (Prescribing) – Pharmacy Practice Dissertation (60 credits)
- MSc and MSc (Prescribing) – Research Methods (15 credits)
- MSc (Prescribing), PG Dip (Prescribing), Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing (60 credits)

Optional modules

MSc and MSc (Prescribing) students choose enough credits to bring your total to the year to 180. PG Dip and PGDip (Prescribing) students choose enough credits to bring your total to the year to 120. PG cert students choose four 15 credit modules.

- Supporting Patients with Mental Illness (15 credits)
- Optimising Medicines Use in Long-Term Conditions (15 credits)
- Pharmaceutical Public Health (15 credits)
- Service Development in a Pharmacy Context (15 credits)
- Medicines & Older People (15 credits)
- Delivering Effective, Patient-Centred Care in Diabetes (15 credits)
- Supporting Self-management of Cardiovascular Disease (15 credits)
- Supporting Self-management of Respiratory Disease (15 credits)

You will study 60 credits each year. Modules are offered on a two-yearly cycle. The order in which the modules are undertaken therefore depends on the point of entry into the course. Contact the course leader if you require specific information about a module.

King's College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

This course is primarily taught at the King's College London Waterloo Campus.

Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary depending on the optional modules you select.

Career prospects

We will equip you to deliver pharmacy services in the community to a high standard, in line with the demands of the changing NHS. You may also be able to move into the provision of pharmaceutical and prescribing advice in primary care.



Fees and funding

Part-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King's terms and conditions.

Part-time tuition fees – EU

Current regulations allow some students to pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

The UK tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Part-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2018–19 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:

www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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