



Non-Medical Prescribing Programme (N-MPP)

Application Forms

There are two different application forms - one specific to NMC registrants and one specific to HCPC Registrants. Please choose the correct application form.

Venue

Mixture of face to face/online (blended learning), generally on the City Campus.

Length

Twenty-six days over twenty-six weeks (part time only), plus an additional twelve days (90 hours) prescribing related practice time (no attendance is required at the university for the additional prescribing related practice time).

Start Date

There are two cohorts per year, one starts in late September the other in late January.

Attendance Requirements

The professional bodies involved (HCPC and NMC) require 100% attendance. Two days per week on university attendance weeks. The September cohort attend on Mondays and Tuesdays, the January cohort attend on Thursdays and Fridays.

Level of Study

NMC applicants can study at Levels 6 or 7. HCPC students must currently study at Level 7, but this is under review. The level of study the student will take must be decided prior to being offered a place.

Fees / Funding

Workforce Development funding may be available, please enquire at the point of applying.

Students working in the private sector can undertake the programme but will have to fund themselves and must also meet the stringent professional body access criteria.

Practice Assessor and Practice Supervisor

Each NMC applicant must have both a Practice Assessor (PA) and Practice Supervisor (PS) - and these must be two different people. Applicants must identify both the PA and PS in the initial NMC application form. Both the PA and the PS do not have to be working in the same geographical area as the applicant, but they must meet NMC criteria (details available on the NMC websites, under prescribing standards). Both the PA and the PS must also be able to provide clinical support in the clinical field in which applicant will be prescribing. The PA is the sign off assessor. The PS provides broader clinical oversight and support.

Additionally, all applicants must have the approval of their Service Manager and the Non-Medical Prescribing Lead of their own Trust/employer.

Designated Medical Practitioner

Each HCPC student must have a Designated Prescribing (DPP). Applicants must identify the DPP on the initial HCPC application form. The DPP does not have to be working in the same geographical area as the student but must meet HCPC criteria (details available on the HCPC website under prescribing standards). The DPP must also be able to provide clinical support in the clinical field in which applicant will be prescribing.

Additionally, all applicants must have the approval of their Service Manager and the Non-Medical Prescribing Lead of their own Trust/employer.

DBS

All students are required, without exception to have an in-date DBS at the time of application, or evidence that the DBS is underway. Applicants who subscribe to the DBS annual updated service must submit a copy of their renewal with their application. The DBS must be in effect within three years of commencement of the cohort the applicant wants to start on.

Interviews

No interview is required. However, all aspects of the application criteria must be met before an unconditional offer is made on a first come, first served basis.

Experience

Aimed at all NMC Registered Nurses and HCPC Registered Health Professional with the legal right to prescribe. A minimum of one-year post-Registration practice experience is required for all applicants.

Content of the N-MPP

The programme will cover the following competency areas and normally you will be expected to attend all sessions of the taught content:

1. Assess the patient
2. Identify evidence-based treatment options available for clinical decision making
3. Present options and reach a shared decision
4. Prescribe
5. Provide information
6. Monitor and review
7. Prescribe safely
8. Prescribe professionally
9. Improve prescribing practice
10. Prescribe as part of a team

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Application Deadline

Due to the popularity of this module, applicants are offered places on a 'first come, first served' basis. Applications that are not complete in all respects will not become offers until they are fully completed.

Assessment

Students are assessed via a combination of formal exams, case studies, presentations, seminars, personal learning contracts (in the form of a portfolio of learning) and a practice-based patient/service user consultation.

Qualification on Completion

Dual qualification outcome (called V300 by NMC) -

Independent and Supplementary Prescriber

(please note that Diagnostic Radiographers and Dietitians are limited, by law, to Supplementary Prescribing only).

Students completing the course at Levels 6 and 7 will be credited with 40 points.