Independent prescribing for physiotherapists, podiatrists and therapeutic radiographers

Course code: 7HSK0109  Semester A/B  Level 7  Credits: 30

Who should attend the course?
The course is for all advanced practitioner AHPs from the relevant groups who have a minimum of three years’ experience in their area of intended prescribing and who are registered with the HCPC.

Evidence of an identified need for their prescribing role is required together with employer support for their role and the period of supervised practice. Current Disclosure and Barring Services clearance within the last 3 years is also necessary.

Course aims
The course provides opportunities to develop and demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills in prescribing practice through independent reasoned thought, systematic enquiry, reflection and evaluation.

Course content
The course covers the following topics:
- Systematic approaches to assessment and diagnosis
- Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics
- Factors that influence prescribing practice and patients’ use of medication
- Evidence based sources of information
- Legal, professional and ethical issues associated with the role.

How does the course map with the NHS KSF?
The course contributes to the development of knowledge and understanding for the KSF Core Dimensions 1-6, Health and well-being 1-10; General 1, 2, 5 and 7 and information and Knowledge 1-3.

Assessment
The assessment for this course includes:
- Practice Portfolio – demonstrating achievement of required practice learning hours and professional competencies
- Numeracy assessment
- Examination
- Prescribing analysis
- OSCE

Where is the course taught and by whom?
The course is taught at the College Lane Campus and Meridian House in Hatfield.

It is facilitated by lecturers with expertise in the area from the University and invited external speakers.

Computer equipment requirement
Delivery of the course incorporates blended learning which aims to combine e-learning activities with campus based learning. You therefore need to have access to a suitable personal computer and a good reliable Internet connection (broadband recommended). Most modern PCs or Macs (less than 3 years old) should be suitable. If you have any queries or need any additional support with IT skills, the School employs an e-learning technologist who will be pleased to help and advise you.

Cost
To find out information about the fees visit [go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees](http://go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees)

Contract funding for NHS staff
The University is contracted by the NHS to provide post-registration education/CPD and training for its health professionals. If you are an NHS employee contact the senior manager responsible for post-registration education/CPD in your Trust to check if the course you wish to attend can be supported by the Trust's contract with our University.

When does this course run?
The course involves 26 days’ theoretical learning and an additional period of 90 hours’ practice learning, working under the supervision of a designated medical practitioner. Teaching takes place mostly on Thursday, with three Fridays at the beginning of the programme and involves a blended learning approach including taught sessions and directed study. The following study days are required:
- 14.09.17, 15.09.17, 21.09.17, 22.09.17, 28.09.17, 29.09.17, 05.10.17, 12.10.17, 19.10.17, 26.10.17, 02.11.17, 09.11.17, 16.11.17, 23.11.17, 30.11.17, 07.12.17, 14.12.17, 21.12.17, 28.12.17, 04.01.18, 11.01.18, 18.01.18, 25.01.18, 01.02.18, 08.02.18, 15.02.18
(Depending on recruitment to the programme, additional cohorts may be offered involving study days on Mondays (with some Tuesdays) and Wednesdays (with some Tuesdays) in the same weeks as those indicated above)

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