

GPhC's Registration

The General Pharmaceutical Council is the independent regulator for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy premises in Great Britain. Applicants to University of Hertfordshire are advised to familiarise themselves with the General Pharmaceutical Council's "Code of conduct for pharmacy students" and "Guidance on student fitness to practice procedures in schools of pharmacy".

To qualify as a pharmacist takes a minimum of five years and includes the following steps:

- Successful completion of a full time four year GPhC accredited Master of Pharmacy Degree (MPharm) Course
- Successful completion of one year's foundation training. This is a period of paid employment in a pharmacy setting during which a trainee is required to build up a portfolio of evidence and demonstrate their competence whilst being observed at work
- Graduating from the MPharm degree qualifies you to enter the foundation training year regulated by the GPhC. However please note that there is no guarantee of a foundation training place for any graduate as these are recruited to on a competitive national basis. Furthermore, if you are a non UK student you will be required to secure the necessary visa prior to commencing your foundation training year. Successful attainment of the competencies during your foundation training year and passing the national registration examination will make you eligible for entry on to the register of Pharmacists
- Following the foundation training, you must successfully complete the GPhC's registration exam
- Meet the fitness to practise requirements for registration as a pharmacist.
- As part of the registration process, applicants have to make a health declaration and character checks are carried out.

Prospective students should note that the GPhC is unable to offer prospective registration advice. Applicants that have been refused registration with the GPhC are entitled to appeal against the decision via the GPhC Appeals Committee. Furthermore, all Fitness to Practise decisions made by the University relate to an individual student's ability to practise on the course as a student. Such decisions do not (and indeed cannot) bind the GPhC in its determination of an individual's Fitness to Practise upon any application for professional registration as a pharmacist.