

# Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## Summary of an Independent Prescribing accreditation Report

### University of Strathclyde

#### 1. Summary and Conclusions

As a result of the accreditation event on the 21 December 2007, the panel recommended to the Society's Education Committee that the Independent Prescribing Programme at the University of Strathclyde is accredited for a maximum period of three years, subject to the conditions and recommendations detailed below. The course team were complemented on the approach taking in the design of the course and the use of residential blocks to meet the needs of the pharmacist practitioners and their diverse geographical locations.

#### 2. Conditions

There are 6 conditions associated with this report, which with the exception of condition 2a, must be met before the programme commences.

- 2a For quality assurance purposes, all Universities offering newly accredited Independent Prescribing Programmes will be expected to undertake an evaluation of the teaching provided to enable students to develop clinical examination skills, once the first cohort has completed the programme. The evaluation must include assessment results for this essential core element and feedback from students on the teaching provided. The evaluation report must then be forwarded to the Society. (standard condition)
- 2b Course team must send appropriate documentation to the RPSGB to confirm that the programme is approved by the University of Strathclyde. (Criterion 2.1.1)
- 2c The student application form must be amended to ensure that evidence is obtained to confirm that the student reflects on their performance and undertakes CPD, and allows them to state how they will develop their support networks for CPD of prescribing practice. (Criterion 2.2.4)
- 2d The class learning objectives are mapped to the RPSGB learning objectives and a copy provided to the RPSGB (2.3.4)
- 2e Course team to provide the RPSGB with the marking criteria for the SHEM level 5 to include details of 50% level to ensure the criteria are consistent with safe and effective prescribing (2.5.5).
- 2f Course team to provide the RPSGB with a copy of the form which the DMP signs to confirm that the pharmacist has completed 12x7.5 hour days of supervised practice and that the pharmacist's practice as a prescriber is, in the opinion of the DMP suitable for registration as an independent prescriber. (2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5.2)

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3a To clarify the policy on attendance at the residential course.
- 3b Provide a copy of the mapped RPSGB learning outcomes to students.
- 3c Course team to provide a log proforma in the portfolio that is in an electronic format and includes a log of supervised practise contacts.

The course will not formally be accredited until the accreditation panel's recommendations have been endorsed by the Society's Education Committee.

Following the above accreditation event satisfactory evidence was provided to meet the above conditions of accreditation (with the exception of the standard condition 2a which must be met on completion of the first cohort). The programme was subsequently approved for accreditation by the Society's Education Committee for a period of three years.