

Information for Employers

The aim of these fully funded programmes is to develop pharmacists for emerging extended roles and prepare them to optimise the delivery of new models of care. Many employers will see the benefits of having better qualified and more highly skilled pharmacy professionals contributing to their businesses.

There are a limited number of funded places available, and it is vital for pharmacists to have the support of their employer to access a fully funded place.

To be eligible for tuition fee funding, applicants are required to be in current employment in community pharmacy or Health and Justice pharmacy services (provided by NHS, private organisations or acute trusts) for a minimum of 0.4 WTE (15 hours per week). The form below can be printed, completed and scanned to include with the applicant's online application.

Alternatively, a single letter of support can be provided for multiple applicants and must be on headed paper to accompany online applications.

Support needed from employers

- **Release of staff for workshops** - enhancing practical and clinical skills, working with expert clinicians and fellow learners are crucial elements of high quality learning. Because courses are flexible the number of workshop days vary by course. During the 1-year Postgraduate Certificate course, pharmacists will need to attend some compulsory workshops. Studying at Bath, pharmacists will need to attend the induction day, no more than 5 workshop days and the exam day.
- **Supporting staff in completing work-based activities** - throughout the courses learners are asked to draw on their experience to complete a variety of practice based or practice facing tasks. These tasks are highly flexible and designed to benefit both the learner and their practice base. Tasks include patient or health-professional observations; critical review of an existing service, drug or therapy; peer-review of practice.

Accredited CPD

Pharmacists can enrol as a 'CPD' participant completing a range of single course units tailored to their learning needs and your workforce development needs. However, this would not lead to a Postgraduate Certificate academic award.

Courses Content

Postgraduate Certificate (5 units including core)

Compulsory core units

- Professional Skills for Medicines Optimisation
- Evidence Based Pharmacy Practice

Recommended units

- Managing Long Term Conditions 1
- Managing Long Term Conditions 2
- Managing Long Term Conditions 3

Other optional course units

- Managing Polypharmacy and Multimorbidity
- Providing Better Care for the Older Person
- Minor Ailments
- Public Health
- Quality Improvement Project

Be part of the transformation... we want to continue to deliver flexible, adaptable programmes that meet the needs of regional employers/stakeholders. We welcome new members to join our Employer Engagement Group, who provide guidance on how Bath and Exeter's programmes can continue to meet workforce needs.

Queries, Questions and Further Information?

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the courses please contact the Admin Team on ap3t@bath.ac.uk

Employer Support Form – University of Bath

Please indicate the applicant's main practice base area:

- South West and South Central** (B&NES, Berkshire, Bristol/North Somerset/South Gloucestershire, Buckinghamshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire/IOW, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Wiltshire)
- London and South East** (Kent, Surrey, Sussex)
- Midlands and North** (West & East Midlands, Yorkshire & The Humber, North West, North East)

APPLICANT (PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITALS)

Surname or Family Name: _____

First Names: _____

Tel (day time): _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

EMPLOYER (PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITALS)

If you work in the Health & Justice sector please ensure this is completed by your Head of Healthcare support

Company: _____

Name: _____

Position/Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

DECLARATION

I confirm that I support this applicant during their studies on the fully funded Post Registration Courses including releasing them for the necessary workshops and providing support to enable them to complete relevant work-based activities.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please complete and return this signed letter to the applicant to scan and include with their online application. Alternatively, you can email it to ap3t@bath.ac.uk tagged as CONFIDENTIAL.