

The Advanced Pharmacy Practice (APP) (fast-track) Programme

*Supporting Excellence in Advanced Practice:
Preparing for Regulation*



What is the Advanced Pharmacy Practice (APP) Programme?

The APP Programme is a practitioner-led, performance-based programme which has been devised to support practitioner development in higher level practice.

The Principles of the APP Programme are:

- * To support the development of advanced practice underpinned by existing professional development frameworks (specifically, the Advanced to Consultant Level Framework-ACLF)
- * To develop, validate and provide structured yet flexible learning alongside transferable training-(led by specialist groups)
- * To develop, validate and provide support for core learning around leadership, management, research and education as well as curricula in clinical, technical & MI knowledge and experience (led by the specialist groups)
- * To develop, validate and provide support that can be accessed alone, for CPD as well as for specific training needs, with flexibility to build learning towards a Masters in Advanced practice-based on practitioner demand.
- * To provide robust QA of assessments of the different levels of advanced practice (Foundation, Excellence and Mastery) and experience for practitioners practising at advanced levels

- * To provide standard organisation and shared working practices across the geography
- * To ensure the programme is practitioner led, NHS owned and performance based.

Who is the APP Programme for?

Band 8 pharmacists have the opportunity to undertake the APP (fast-track) programme leading to an MSc in Advanced Practice from September 2008.

Band 7 pharmacists are expected to be recruited onto the full APP Programme from 2009. It is expected that these pharmacists will have completed the Diploma in General Pharmacy Practice.

What is the aim of the APP (fast-track) Programme?

To support practitioners to attain Excellence in all areas of practice (underpinned by the 6 ACLF clusters: Expert Practice; Building Working Relationships; Education, Training & Development; Research & Evaluation; Management; and Leadership).

What will the APP (fast-track) Programme involve?

- Initial portfolio assessment, which allows recognition of previous learning and experience.
- 10 half day learning sets to support practitioners over 1 year
- Work-based project(s) chosen by the practitioner and/or a work-based research project

- ACLF Portfolio-building support

How will the APP (fast-track) Programme be assessed?

- * Portfolio submission (including project(s))
- * Viva (based on the portfolio) mapped against ACLF

What qualification will you receive?

- MSc
- 60 academic credits

What are the advantages of the APP (fast-track) Programme?

- * You will be working with your peers to demonstrate excellence in your field of expertise
- * You will be one of the first to attain an MSc in Advanced Practice specifically mapped against the ACLF
- * You will have an accredited portfolio of Advanced Practice evidence specifically mapped against the ACLF
- * You will be in a position to mentor practitioners through the full APP Programme in the future

Who can apply for the APP (fast-track) Programme?

- Pharmacists currently in Band 8 posts

How to apply

For further information and an application form please go to the JPB website at www.jointprogrammesboard.org

When to apply for September 2008

Please email an expression of interest to Laura.Obiols@pharmacy.ac.uk by **31st August 2008**.

Deadline for completed application forms is 2nd September 2008.