The University of Manchester

Independent Prescribing for pharmacists and nurses

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. **Is this course the same as a V300?**

Yes

1. **Is an accelerate programme right for me?**

This accelerate course covers a large amount of learning in a very short space of time. You will need to engage fully with the programme as you will need to complete 26 days of learning and 12 days of supervised practice in this timescale. Only you can decide whether this approach works for you, but you must be prepared to commit fully for the duration of the programme.

1. **Is a blended learning programme right for me?**

A blended learning approach offers a high degree of flexibility, through a minimum number of contact days. This means that you need to be self-motivated to learn in your own time. You must also have a fairly good level of IT skills, as the learning requires you to navigate Blackboard and an electronic portfolio.

1. **Do I need an NMP lead signature on my application form?**

Not if you are self-funding. If you are being financially supported HENW, then yes.

1. **I’m self-employed so don’t have a line manager – how do I fill in the application form?**

You should self-declare for the sections that require a line-manager. You should also ensure that your references support your application and demonstrate that you have the required knowledge to complete the programme.

1. **What am I eligible to do after completing the course?**

You are eligible to register as an Independent prescriber with either the NMC (if you are a nurse) or the GPhC (if you are a pharmacist).

1. **I am a community pharmacist, how do I find a DMP?**

If you work in community pharmacy, your DMP is most likely going to be a GP. You should start by approaching GPs who you have an existing relationship with, and highlight the benefits that a pharmacist can bring to the MDT.

1. **What does a level 7 course mean and are the credits transferable?**

Level 7 study is Master’s level, which means that you must have an undergraduate degree to undertake this programme. The course offers 30 credits, which may be transferrable into other programmes. We would advise that you check with the other programmes in the first instance.

1. **Do DMPs get paid?**

No, there is no payment for DMPs.

1. **What is required of my DMP?**

You can find all the information regarding your DMP in the “[Guidance on choosing your Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP)](http://assets.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/course-files/09815/Guidance-on-Choosing-your-Designated.pdf)” document

1. **Can I pay the course fees in instalments?**

No, due to University regulations it is not possible to pay fees in instalments for this programme. All fees must be paid prior to commencing the course.

1. **What study days will I need to attend?**

There are 2 study days per month, for 4 months. Attendance at all 8 study days is mandatory. You will find the dates for the next intake on the [Independent Prescribing course information](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/masters/courses/list/09815/independent-prescribing-short-course/) page.