Module Code HCRMTBC (pending HCPC approval)

Credits / Level of Study  30 credits / FHEQ Level 7

Module Aims
To prepare registered HealthCare Professionals to be safe, effective and competent independent and supplementary prescribers. To professionally develop students in the higher educational context of life wide learning in line with their professional bodies and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society framework

Module Content
The content is presented within **eight themes** related to prescribing:
- Consultation, decision making and therapy, including referral
- Influences on, and psychology of, prescribing
- Prescribing in a team context
- Clinical Pharmacology, including the effects of co-morbidity
- Evidence-based practice and clinical governance in relation to non-medical prescribing
- Awareness and reporting of fraud (recommendations from the Shipman Inquiry, Fourth Report)
- Professional accountability and responsibility
- Prescribing in the public health context

Pre-requisites of Study
Students must provide evidence that they have met the NMCs/HCPC’s criteria for eligibility to undertake the independent / supplementary prescribing programme. The criteria are:
- They must be a registered first-level nurse, midwife and/or specialist community public health nurse, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Therapeutic Radiographer or Paramedic.
- Diagnostic Radiographers and Dietitians may only practice as Supplementary Prescribers. They must have at least one-three years’ experience and be deemed competent by their employer to undertake the programme. Of these years, the year immediately preceding application to the programme must have been in the clinical field in which they intend to prescribe, e.g. neonates, mental health. Part-time workers must have practised for a sufficient period to be deemed competent by their employer. The applicant has successfully completed a module/relevant study of health assessment that includes diagnostic examination and consultation skills or equivalent. For example, Health Assessment (level 6 NUR3204 or level 7 NURM109) or other credited or certificated learning (please contact the module leader for further advice).

In addition there must be written confirmation from:
- The employer, to support the student to undertake the module of study and for CPD once qualified, must provide evidence of their ability to study at Level 7 by providing evidence of recent study at level 6 or above in the last five years. An appraisal of the student’s suitability to prescribe before they apply for a training place must be undertaken by their employer (NMC 2006:10, AHPF and BDA 2018: 2.1)
- A designated medical practitioner (DMP) or designated prescribing practitioner (DPP) who meets eligibility criteria for the supervision of the health care professional and who has agreed to provide the required term of supervised practice (NMC 2018, AHPF and BDA 2018)

The employer, who is responsible for ensuring the applicant meets specific NMC/HCPC criteria (NMC 2006:10, AHPF and BDA 2018) including competence in diagnosis and physical assessment and appropriate numeracy skills.

We reserve the right to refuse registration to this module if you are:
- a) the subject of any current professional investigation
- b) if you have unsuccessfully attempted this module at another AEI

Delivery of Module
A variety of learning and teaching strategies will be used in the delivery of the module, encompassing the following:
- Enquiry-based learning, to develop critical thinking in e.g. legal, ethical and professional issues
- Lectures by specialist professionals
- Online interactive resources
- Case studies/scenarios, to show the application of knowledge of drugs to clinical practice
- Student-led seminars, to show the application of knowledge of drugs to clinical practice
- Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCES), to develop confidence in assessment and decision-making.
- Supervised learning in practice, supported by the designated medical practitioner (DMP) or designated prescribing practitioner (DPP)

Assessment
a) Written final examination (MCQ) (80% pass mark)
- b) A numerical assessment including drug calculations within the context of prescribing practice (100% pass mark)
- c) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- d) Satisfactory completion of practice experience assessed by designated medical practitioner
- e) Portfolio of Practice Evidence demonstrating application of theory to practice and rationale for prescribing decisions and reflective practice

Key Information

**Study Dates**
- September 2019: 26, 27
- October 2019: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- November 2019: 7, 14, 21, 28
- December 2019: 5, 12
- January 2020: 9, 16, 23, 30
- February 2020: 6, 13, 20, 27
- March 2020: 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 2020: 2

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

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**Cost** TBC

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**How to Apply / Funding / Secondment**
Students are required to complete an additional V300 application form alongside the standard CPD application form. Both forms can be found on our website and must be submitted with a copy of the DBS certificate no older than three years. Students must have managerial agreement for protected study time - total of 26 University study days plus 12 days in practice.