Independent / Supplementary Prescribing (V300)
Module Code HCRM17BC (pending HCPC/NMC approval)

Credits / Level of Study  30 credits /FHEQ Level 7

Module Aims
To prepare registered nurses, midwives, paramedics, physiotherapists, therapeutic radiographers, podiatrists to be safe and effective independent prescribers, and dietitians and diagnostic radiographers to be safe and effective supplementary prescribers.
To professionally develop students in the higher educational context of life wide learning in line with their professional and regulatory bodies and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Competency Framework for all Prescribers (2016).

Pre-requisites for Study
The applicant must be an employee with post-registration clinical experience (or part time equivalent) as follows:

- Nurses and Midwives must have been qualified for a minimum of a year.
- Paramedics are required to be qualified for three years and have undertaken or are working towards an advanced practice qualification (as defined by Health Education England, usually an MSc).
- Physiotherapists, podiatrists, and therapeutic radiographers, dietitians and diagnostic radiographers must normally have at least two years practicing at an advanced level

The applicant has successfully completed a module/relevant study of health assessment that includes diagnostic examination and consultation skills or equivalent (please contact the module leader for further advice).
In addition there must be written confirmation from the employer/self-declaration of support for the student to undertake the module, 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 and CPD once qualified.
All students must have access to:

- a practice assessor a suitably prepared, qualified and experienced prescriber within their organisation, who will assess summative competencies and an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE)
- practice supervisor(s) experienced independent prescriber(s) who will support the student in applying, reinforcing and demonstrating the required knowledge, skills and behaviours within the workplace through development of formative competencies, for the duration of the course
- For nurses and midwives, the practice supervisor and practice assessor must be 2 different people (NMC, 2016) unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Self-employed students require the same practice support to undertake the module.

We reserve the right to refuse registration to this module if:

a) you are the subject of any current professional investigation
b) you have unsuccessfully attempted this module at another University.

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, blended learning opportunities and lectures given by specialist professionals
Formative Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE), to develop confidence in assessment and decision-making.
Supervised learning in practice, supported by practice supervisor(s)/designated prescribing practitioners

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) in practice assessed by the practice assessor (designated medical practitioner)
d) Satisfactory completion of practice competencies assessed by practice assessor (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
January 2020:  9, 16, 23, 30
February 2020:  6, 13, 20, 27
March 2020:  5, 12, 19, 26
April 2020:  2, 16, 23, 30
May 2020:  7, 14, 21, 28
June 2020:  4, 11, 18, 25
July 2020:  2, 9

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

Location  University of Surrey
Cost  £1400.00

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How to Apply / Funding / Secondment
Students are required to complete an additional V300 application form (either for NHS employees or for those in private practice/self-employed) alongside the standard CPD application form. Forms can be found on our website and must be submitted with evidence of a DBS check or a signed statement of good character.