

Primary care pharmacy education pathway newsletter Number 1 – July 2019

This document provides information about the education pathway for pharmacists employed as part of the NHS England primary care Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service (DES) additional roles.

Background

At the request of Health Education England, CPPE has reviewed its extended education pathway for pharmacists working in primary care to align with the NHS Long Term Plan and the primary care Network (PCN) Contract DES. The pathway has been renamed the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway (PCPEP)*.



This education pathway is compulsory for all those employed by PCNs using the additional roles funding, unless they are exempt for the reasons described later.

The 18-month pathway builds on the success of the *Clinical pharmacists in general practice education (CPGPE)* and the *Medicines optimisation in care homes (MOCH)* pathways and will equip pharmacists with the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to work in various patient-facing roles in PCNs as part of a multidisciplinary team. Pharmacists will be able to access a range of different study methods to suit different learning styles, a continuous assessment process and support from supervisors and peers. There is more information in the pathway handbooks, which can be found on our website:

www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/pcpep-training-pathway

The pathway is also for pharmacists employed through the NHS England clinical pharmacists in general practice scheme who have not already enrolled on the *CPGPE* pathway. Pharmacists who are already enrolled on the *CPGPE* or *MOCH* pathways will continue with these, but any new applicants employed through the NHS England *Clinical pharmacists in general practice* programme or the primary care Network Contract DES will join the *Primary care pharmacy education pathway*. The last cohort for the *MOCH* pathway will start in September 2019.

There will be regular *PCPEP* pathway start dates and the current dates are:

- September 2019
- January 2020
- April/May 2020

The September cohort is open for booking and applications will close in the first week of September or when the cohort is full, whichever is sooner.

Application process

Pharmacists who are eligible for the education pathway should enroll through the CPPE website:

www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pcpep/pcpep-training-pathway

Applicants will need a current CV (to help the education supervisors understand the learners' background). The applicants will download a proof of employment form, which must be completed by the employer and uploaded with the CV during the application process.

Once the application has been approved, the learner will receive a welcome pack by email and will be contacted by an education supervisor within two weeks.

Information webinars

CPPE is running regular one-hour information webinars about the pathway for employers, potential learners and local commissioners. You can watch a recording using this link: <https://bit.ly/2GtOBV4>

The next live webinars are planned for the following dates. Please register in advance:

- **August 13** 2019, 1:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/51876e1b89d545f8dc2040ba88984b7b>
- **September 10** 2019, 1:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/9b3545073827796366858a512be5123a>
- **September 26** 2019, 1:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/e7ae0f492f2740ef8c34be5db4a05ad8>
- **October 16** 2019, 12:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/400ef6fccdb40e397c24e00bf0acd2b8>
- **November 4** 2019, 12:00pm. Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://cppe.zoom.us/webinar/register/2c604088c138f6a67c24e00bf0acd2b8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Mailing list for clinical supervisors and employers

We want to be able to communicate in a timely manner with clinical supervisors and employers, so we encourage all clinical supervisors and line managers of the PCN pharmacists to subscribe to our email distribution list. We will then be able to notify you about clinical supervisor training, updates about the education pathway, success stories and other information that will help you support the learners.

To subscribe:

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2. Put the words '*Subscribe CPPE-PC-SUPERVISOR*' in the body of the email. Please note: if the email does not contain these words, the automated subscription will fail.
3. Wait for the confirmation email from CPPE to complete the process. This may take up to three days.

If you have any queries about the pathway that you can't find the answer to on our website, please email: primarycare@cppe.ac.uk