



Dr Ruth Edwards

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Ruth Edwards graduated from Robert Gordon Institute of Technology with a BSc in Pharmacy in 1989. She registered with the RPSGB in 1990 and began her career in community pharmacy. After a period in community pharmacy management, she then joined Robert Gordon University (RGU), Aberdeen in 1996 as a teacher practitioner with Lloydspharmacy. In 1999 Ruth was appointed to a full time position at RGU as a Lecturer in Pharmacy practice. In 2011, she was promoted to Senior Lecturer and held the position of RGU MPharm Course Leader until 2018. In 2018, Ruth moved to Aston University to take up the role of Head of Pharmacy Practice. In addition to this, she has been a Local Pharmacy Postgraduate Tutor for NHS Education for Scotland and undertakes regular locum work in community pharmacy.

Since registration as a pharmacist, Ruth has obtained an MSc Clinical Pharmacy, a Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Level Teaching and completed a Doctor of Education at University of Stirling in 2013. She is a Faculty Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Ruth contributes to teaching at undergraduate level in pharmacy practice in a broad range of areas and has had extensive experience at postgraduate level in development and delivery of Masters and Independent Pharmacist Prescribing programmes and research supervision. She was also previously an elected member of the RPSGB Academic Pharmacy Group Committee and in this capacity contributed to the development of the RPSGB Student Fitness to Practise procedures.

Ruth's research interests centre on educational research, teaching and learning and assessment and my EdD thesis is entitled 'Opening the door on student learning: using artefacts to explore pharmacy students' learning practices'. She is co-author of the textbook 'Minor Illness or Major Disease?'