

Consultation on initial education and training standards for pharmacists

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For professional audiences

Share your views on the initial education and training of pharmacists

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) is consulting on revising the **standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists**. This consultation is open until 3 April 2019.

Pharmacists' roles are evolving quickly in response to rapid change in healthcare and pharmacy practice, and the GPhC want to revise their standards to help prepare future pharmacists for future practice.

Significant changes are being proposed, including:

- having one set of standards and learning outcomes that cover the full period of education and training before initial registration as a pharmacist, with closer integration between academic study and practical experience
- strengthening experiential learning and inter-professional learning
- revising the learning outcomes so that they are more focused on developing clinical skills and communication skills, while still retaining the critical importance of science
- enabling schools of pharmacy, employers and commissioners to decide together when the 52 weeks of learning in practice are carried out
- requiring a more rigorous and structured approach to learning in practice with more regular and documented progress meetings

Make sure you share your views - **[complete the consultation survey now](#)**

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For patient and public audiences

Share your views on the education and training of pharmacists

The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) is the regulator for pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacies in Great Britain. They set standards for the education and training of pharmacy professionals to make sure they are prepared with the necessary knowledge, skills and behaviours to provide safe and effective care for the people using their services.

Pharmacists play a vital role in delivering care and helping people to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing. The roles of pharmacists are evolving quickly in response to rapid changes in healthcare and pharmacy practice.

The GPhC wants to hear from patients, carers, users of pharmacy services and the public on its proposed changes to the education and training standards for pharmacists to make sure that the pharmacists of the future are prepared for future practice. These changes include students spending more time with patients from an earlier stage in their education and training.

You can take part by **[taking the consultation survey now](#)** (closes 3 April 2019)

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