



Master of Pharmacy
degree (MPharm)

Durham University

Report of a step 7 part 2 accreditation event

June 2017

Event summary and conclusions

This summary report should be read in conjunction with Durham University MPharm Step 7 Part 1 accreditation report 2016/2017

Provider	Durham University
Course	Masters of Pharmacy degree (MPharm)
Event type	Accreditation
Step	Step 7 Part 2
Event date	15 June 2017
Accreditation period	2016-2017
Outcome	<p>Full accreditation confirmed</p> <p>Neither academic staff, nor the external examiners of the Durham University MPharm degree, raised substantive issues that cast doubt on the academic standards of the course or the conduct of the assessment process for students on the course. Consequently, the accreditation team recommended to the Registrar of the General Pharmaceutical Council that the full accreditation team's Step 7 Part 1 recommendation should be ratified and the MPharm degree provided by Durham University should be granted full accreditation for the full period of the accreditation where it is taught out through Newcastle University from 2017 onwards.</p> <p>The Quality Assurance Manager (Education) wrote to the GPhC's Application Team to inform them that authenticated MPharm degree pass lists sent to the GPhC from Durham University dated on or after 15 June 2017 may be used to permit successful MPharm degree graduates on the list to enter pharmacist pre-registration training in Great Britain.</p>
Standing conditions	Please refer to Appendix 1
Registrar decision	Following the event, the Registrar of the GPhC accepted the accreditation team's recommendation and approved full accreditation of the programme for a period of 6 years where the Durham MPharm degree will be delivered through Newcastle University
Key contact (provider)	Professor Cate Whittelsea
Accreditation team	<p>Professor Stephen Denyer, PVC learning and teaching, University of Brighton</p> <p>Ms Joanne Martin, Quality Assurance Manager, GPhC</p>

Appendix 1 - Standing conditions

The following are standing conditions of accreditation and apply to all providers:

1. The record and report include other comments from the team, and providers are required to take all comments into account as part of the accreditation process. The provider must confirm to the GPhC that required amendments have been made.
2. The provider must respond to the definitive version of the record and report within three months of receipt. The summary report, along with the provider's response, will be published on the GPhC's website for the duration of the accreditation period.
3. The provider must seek approval from the GPhC for any substantial change (or proposed change) which is, or has the potential to be, material to the delivery of an accredited course. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. the content, structure or delivery of the accredited programme;
 - b. ownership or management structure of the institution;
 - c. resources and/or funding;
 - d. student numbers and/or admissions policy;
 - e. any existing partnership, licensing or franchise agreement;
 - f. staff associated with the programme.
4. The provider must produce and submit to the GPhC on an annual basis:
 - a. requested data on student numbers and progression and degree awards;
 - b. requested information about the extent of human and physical resources it enjoys for the delivery and support of the degree course.
5. The provider must make students and potential students aware that successful completion of an accredited course is not a guarantee of a placement for a pre-registration year or of future employment as a pharmacist.
6. The provider must make students and potential students aware of the existence and website address where they can view the GPhC's accreditation reports and the timetable for future accreditations.
7. Whenever required to do so by the GPhC, providers must give such information and assistance as the GPhC may reasonably require in connection with the exercise of its functions. Any information in relation to fulfilment of these standing conditions must be provided in a proactive and timely manner.

Appendix 2 – Standards

GPhC standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists

The standards for the initial education and training of pharmacists can be downloaded from the GPhC website at:

<http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards>

Or by clicking on the following link:

https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/sites/default/files/GPhC_Future_Pharmacists.pdf