The aim of the Postgraduate Diploma in General Pharmacy Practice (PG Dip GPP) is to provide Foundation training that equips registered pharmacists currently employed in NHS Hospital Trusts and private hospitals with the core knowledge, skills and capabilities required to provide safe and effective pharmaceutical care to their patients.

The curriculum supports a broad approach to practice - pharmacists are expected to manage issues related to safe and effective provision of medicines regardless of context, including providing information to patients and health care professionals, ensuring the technical and legal aspects of medicines supply are met, providing evidence led clinical advice and more complex problem-solving skills relevant to their future careers.

Through developing novice pharmacists to identify their own learning needs and address them, the programme aims to develop a workforce with the ability to reflect on learning and engage with continuing professional development throughout their careers and support others to do so. Assessments not only measure the knowledge base of trainees but also their competence to undertake a range of core tasks as well as an ability to demonstrate critical thought and innovation.

Learning is conducted using a combination of workplace-based assessments and a programme of study days. Assessment methods address knowledge, competence and performance and include MCQ and OSCE exams, workplace-based assessments and a range of complex service-driven tasks.

Accreditation
The UCL School of Pharmacy is an accredited Royal Pharmaceutical Society Foundation School.

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**Degree structure**

**Mode**: Flexible: up to 5 years  
**Location**: London, Bloomsbury

Flexible programme of study which usually takes 3 years to complete, but can be completed in a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years.

Students undertake modules to the value of 120 credits. The programme consist of one compulsory module (60 credits) and either four 15 credit option modules or one 60 credit options module.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

### compulsory modules

- 60 credits taken at Certificate Stage (Foundation Stage One)
- PHAY0042: Foundations of General Pharmacy Practice
- Students leaving the programme having completed Foundation Stage One are eligible for the Postgraduate Certificate award (60 credits at Master's level).

### Optional modules

- 60 credits taken at Diploma Stage (Foundation Stage 2)
- PHAY0061: Clinical and Professional Development Module (15 credits)
- PHAY0063: Independent prescribing Module (60 credits)
- PHAY0064: Using Research in Clinical Practice (15 credits)
- PHAY0065: Audit or Service Evaluation (15 credits)
- PHAY0066: Quality Improvement (15 credits)
Your career

Graduates typically progress to senior Pharmacist roles in within the healthcare sector.

Employability

The curriculum will develop pharmacists who are able to practice at a general level, and consequently embraces clinical, technical, medicines information and patient service elements. The curriculum fundamentally contributes to the Foundation practitioner development strategy and serves as the foundation for future pharmacist development and supports practitioners to develop knowledge, skills and behaviours during Foundation Stage 2 that will underpin advanced practice development later. The ethos and culture of the programme is to enhance and develop self-reliance and an adult approach to learning in support of continuing professional development.
Entry requirements

Applicants are required to be registered as a pharmacist either with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC), or within a European Union member state. If registered as a pharmacist within a non-European Union member state, applicants are required to be eligible for registration with the GPhC.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: N/A. Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study General Pharmacy Practice at graduate level
- why you want to study General Pharmacy Practice at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree.

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £50 for online applications and £75 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

UK: See Fees Note (FT)
EU: See Fees Note (FT)
Overseas: See Fees Note (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Module 1 (60 credits) is £TBC, modules 2, 3 & 4 (20 credits each) are £TBC each. The APL Mapping fee, for those on a Diploma at a JPB partner University, is £100 (in addition to the fees for Foundation Stage 2). See the School of Pharmacy website.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 11 February 2019
Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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