Pharmacy MPharm

Pharmacists are healthcare professionals who are experts in medicines, with a detailed understanding of the scientific basis of therapy. The MPharm programme integrates pharmaceutical science into the practice of clinical pharmacy. We offer you the opportunity to become a confident and competent healthcare professional with patient safety and wellbeing as your primary concern.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2020

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

:// The UCL School of Pharmacy is one of the most highly rated pharmacy schools in the UK, with a long tradition of academic and research excellence.

:// The programme includes contact with patients from the start, in the form of pharmacy visits and patient interviews. You will have the chance to study abroad during the fourth year.

:// The UCL School of Pharmacy has a dedicated pre-registration co-ordinator and an excellent graduate employment rate.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

The Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) is accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). An MPharm from an accredited UK school of pharmacy is the first step towards a career as a pharmacist. To qualify as a registered pharmacist in Britain you will need to undertake a year of pre-registration training after graduation and then pass the qualifying examinations of the GPhC.

The programme gives graduates an integrated and interdisciplinary perspective on the science of medicines and links this to the practice and ethics of the pharmacy profession. It includes contact with patients throughout, with students taking part in hospital and community pharmacy placements and in-house patient interviews.

In the fourth year students undertake a research project in an area of pharmacy or pharmaceutical science. This project may be carried out in the school or with one of our NHS or European (Erasmus) partners.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

:// Body Systems and Therapeutics I
:// Chemistry of Medicines
:// Making Safe and Effective Medicines
:// The Role of the Pharmacist in Health Care

Optional modules

:// All first-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

:// Body Systems and Therapeutics II
:// Body Systems and Therapeutics III
:// Clinical and Professional Considerations
:// Medicines from the Bench to the Clinic

Optional modules

:// All second-year modules are compulsory.

YEAR THREE

Core or compulsory module(s)

:// Body Systems and Therapeutics IV
:// Communicating Science and Practice
:// Future Design, Delivery and Administration of Medicines

Optional modules

:// You will choose from a wide range of specialist options.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

:// Advancement of Practice through Science
:// Preparation for Professional Practice
:// Research Project

Optional modules

:// All final-year modules are compulsory.
Your learning

You will be exposed to many different styles of teaching and learning. The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, practical classes, tutorials, problem-solving classes, clinical seminars and workshops, clinical placements, skills workshops with patients, journal clubs, independent learning, and visits to hospital and community pharmacies.

Assessment

Your performance is assessed through a combination of coursework, essays, controlled assessments of coursework, MCQs, practical exams (OCSEs), portfolios, short answer questions and extended written case studies in examinations as well as integrated examination questions and a research project. Coursework contributes about 40% and examinations about 60% to your final mark.

Your career

MPharm graduates must apply for and undertake a year in pre-registration training then pass the registration examination to qualify as a professional pharmacist. As a pharmacy professional you will be a frontline healthcare provider and can have a direct impact on people’s lives and health.

Six out of every ten pharmacists work in community pharmacies on the high street or in supermarkets. Another popular branch of the profession is hospital pharmacy, working closely with doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. After one or two years, a hospital pharmacist can choose to specialise in areas such as cancer, paediatrics, HIV, surgical or education and training.

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

We are looking for students who are intellectually curious, willing to study hard, and who will thrive in a personal, friendly environment where the emphasis is on teamwork and academic achievement. Pharmacists keep patient safety and wellbeing as their primary concern. Successful applicants should be able to demonstrate a commitment to our values including safe and effective patient care, compassionate and honest conduct and responsible and accountable actions.

Successful applicants will need to show that they espouse the professional values necessary in a pharmacist or pharmacy student. The values of the UCL School of Pharmacy and information on selection can be found on the departmental website. You should read this before you apply.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: AAB. Chemistry and either Biology, Mathematics or Physics required.

Contextual Offer: BBB. Chemistry and either Biology, Mathematics or Physics required.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade B or 6. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 36 points. A total of 17 points in three higher level subjects including Chemistry and one subject from Biology, Mathematics or Physics, with no score below 5.

Contextual Offer: 32 points. A total of 15 points in three higher level subjects to include Chemistry and one subject from Biology, Mathematics or Physics, with no score below 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2019/20 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2019/20 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2019/20)
// Overseas: £21,680 (2019/20)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

Additional costs
Students will be required to undergo a Disclosures and Barring (Enhanced) check and an occupational health check, for which there will be a fee. This is likely to be around £125. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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Brexit
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit

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