PHARMACY WITH INTEGRATED 
PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING

MPharm / 
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2020 ENTRY

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Pharmacy with Integrated Pre-registration Training MPharm /

The five-year MPharm with Integrated Pre-registration Training is primarily aimed at international students who want to complete the Pharmacy degree and UK pre-registration training whilst maintaining their student status. After graduating, students will be ready to apply for registration as a UK Pharmacist. 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 has a long tradition of academic and research excellence and is internationally recognised as being one of the leading pharmacy schools worldwide. It is currently ranked seventh in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology (QS World University Rankings 2019).

// The five-year MPharm programme integrates the year of pre-registration training into the undergraduate MPharm programme, enabling students graduating from this programme route to immediately become eligible to sit the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) registration examination.

// The fifth year placements in community and hospital pharmacy are guaranteed for all students on the five-year MPharm programme.

// 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.

Accreditation
We're working towards accreditation with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC). The programme is provisionally accredited until the programme receives full accreditation.

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).

An MPharm from an accredited UK school of pharmacy is the first step towards a career as a pharmacist. The five-year MPharm with Integrated Pre-registration training is particularly suitable for overseas students who wish to have the opportunity to complete their pre-registration training within the degree structure. To qualify as a registered pharmacist in the UK you will need to successfully complete the MPharm with pre-registration training and pass the qualifying examinations of the GPhC.

The programme gives you 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 you taking part in hospital visits, hospital and community pharmacy placements, and in-house patient interviews.

In years one, two and three you will take modules relating to body systems and therapeutics, medicines and good professional practice. In the third year you will have the opportunity to develop enhanced expertise in areas currently at the forefront of the science and practice of pharmacy. In the fourth year you will 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, European (Erasmus) or other overseas partners.

In the fifth year you will undertake a full year of experiential clinical placement-based learning, comprised of two 26-week placements, one in a hospital setting and one in community pharmacy. You will additionally attend regular training days based at UCL and will produce a comprehensive portfolio of professional activities during your placement year that will further help to develop you as a future pharmacist.
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, skills workshops with patients, journal clubs, independent learning, visits to hospital and community pharmacies and clinical placements.

Placement

The fifth year is comprised of 2x26 week placements, one in community pharmacy and one in a hospital setting. This is supported by a placement tutor and includes mandatory anchor days at UCL. Students also have access to online resources and are assessed through coursework, portfolio, OSCE and work-based assessments.

Assessment

Your performance is assessed through a combination of coursework, essays, MCQs, practical exams (OCSEs), portfolios, work-based assessments, 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 (Years 1-4).

Your career

MPharm Pharmacy with Integrated Pre-Registration Training graduates must pass the GPhC 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.

Many 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 and specialising in areas such as cancer, paediatrics, HIV and surgical. An emerging role is the clinical pharmacist working in GP surgeries and care homes.

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. You may also incur additional transport costs from undertaking the hospital visits, placements and patient interviews that are a part of the programme. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact.

FUNDING

This programme is primarily aimed at international students. 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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