

Advanced Assessment Skills for Independent Prescribers: January to May 2019

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HEE LaSE are funding Qualified Pharmacist Independent Prescribers (IPs) to undertake Advanced Assessment Skills. These courses should be considered by pharmacists undertaking independent prescribing in practice but are seeking further development in physical assessment skills to enhance their ability to manage patients in their care. The courses will incorporate assessment of various body systems and participants will be expected to undertake them in practice and build a portfolio with the assistance of a suitable supervisors.

Independent Prescribing and Advanced Assessment Skills Qualifications together can contribute to completion of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner Qualification, via a process called RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning).

HEE LaSE have been informed that there are spaces on the following Advanced Assessment Skills courses. Pharmacists can apply for the courses and they will be funded by HEE LaSE Pharmacy. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis and there is no guarantee of a place for potential applicants.

Information below in Purple denotes protected training time mandated to ensure successful completion of the course. Trusts will be required to sign an agreement with the university that support for the protected time will be upheld.

Please note all the courses are 30 academic credits which equate to 300 hours of effort, in total – including teaching hours, clinical time and self-directed learning. Most courses will require up to 200 hours of self-directed study time.

City University of London: Advanced Physical Assessment, Critical Thinking and Diagnostic Reasoning Across the Lifespan. Academic. Start Date May.

Website: <https://www.city.ac.uk/courses/cpd/advanced-physical-assessment-critical-thinking-and-diagnostic-reasoning-across-the-lifespan>

- Teaching hours (at HEI): 13 days + assessment
- Clinical time: 90 hours over 4 months
- Assessment Method; Essay, Skills Validation portfolio, OSCE with viva voce

Kings College London: Advanced Assessment Skills: Start Date: May

Website:

https://www1.kcl.ac.uk/teares/nmvc/external/prospectus/course_info.php?code=7KNIP030

- Teaching hours (at HEI): 8 days + assessment. Time needs to be dedicated to e-learning
- Clinical time: 30 hours over the 3-month course
- Assessment Method; Portfolio of practice & OSCE

Middlesex University London: Advanced Physical Assessment Module. Start Dates: January or May

Website: <https://www.mdx.ac.uk/courses/cpd/advanced-physical-assessment-module>

- Teaching hours (at HEI): 8 days + assessment
- Clinical time: 12 hours per fortnight for the duration of the course (4 months)
- Assessment Method; Portfolio review & OSCE

The January 2019 cohort starts on the 30th January and has limited spaces available, applications are required as soon as possible.

Study days for this course are, 30th January, 31st January, 21st February, 7th March, 21st March, 11th April, 2nd May, assessment on 30th May and portfolio submission 1st July 2019.

How to apply

Pharmacists can apply for the course direct with the universities. When asked how the course is being funded, applicants should state “HEE LaSE Pharmacy”. If this is not an option, please select a local HEE office (such as Kent, Surrey and Sussex, South London, North London, etc).

We also request that pharmacists email lasepharmacy@hee.nhs.uk with their name, the course and cohort they have applied for, so we can monitor the uptake and, with permission, seek feedback on the courses.

If pharmacists wish to undertake an advanced assessment course that is not listed above, they should contact Katie Reygate on katie.reygate@hee.nhs.uk

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