**Training Opportunities for Community Pharmacists and Technicians**

**Pharmacist Pathway**

NHS England (NHSE) has introduced the Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway, a programme for newly qualified pharmacists, designed to bridge the gap between initial education and post-registration development. The new pathway supports newly qualified pharmacists in their transition to becoming independent practitioners and has on four core elements:

* **E-Portfolio** – helping learners assess, plan and reflect on their development.
* **Curriculum** – taught in line with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society’s (RPS) Post-registration foundation pharmacist curriculum.
* **Learning resources** – a virtual library of curated learning resources designed to support the professional development of newly qualified pharmacists and complement resources already available locally to pharmacists.
* **Access to supervision** – there is support access to supervision for all pharmacists on this pathway.

One of the primary goals of the Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway is to develop prescribing competence among pharmacists. By aligning with the learning outcomes of the RPS curriculum, the pathway helps newly qualified pharmacists acquire the skills and competence required to prepare for a prescribing course.

If you employ newly qualified pharmacists, then we encourage you to support their enrolment on the pathway. Detailed information about eligibility, timelines, funding, and enrolment can be found on the [**Newly Qualified Pharmacist pathway webpage**](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/initial-education-training-pharmacists-reform-programme/newly-qualified-pharmacist-pathway) and [**NHSE’s Briefing for employers and key stakeholders.**](https://cpe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/NHSE-NQPh-Pathway-Employer-key-stakeholder-briefing-August-2023.pdf)

**New clinical skills training offer for community pharmacists launched**

Health Education England are making available 10,000 module places which will be delivered by [CliniSkills](https://www.cliniskills.com/) until March 2024. This exciting new training offer will give community pharmacists the opportunity to build on their existing clinical examination and consultation skills - to assess, treat and manage common health problems.

The training is designed to be complementary to independent prescribing training and can be completed prior to or after independent prescribing training courses. This offer is available to community pharmacists, including part time staff and locums working in community pharmacy.To register and find out more about the training visit the [CliniSkills website.](https://www.cliniskills.com/)

**Independent Prescribing**

Training to support patients from diagnosis to prescribing, providing advice and follow - up, and preparing to provide clinical care. See website for funding offer, local universities and eligibility criteria:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing>

To find out more about the Pharmacy Integration Programme, visit the [Health Education England website](https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/transforming-pharmacy-education-training/initial-education-training-pharmacists-reform-programme/pharmacy-integration-programme-0/clinical-examination-skillsation-programme-0).

**Devon Teach and Treat Expressions of Interest**

The Devon Integrated Care System is supporting a Teach and Treat Pilot. This pilot is led by an experienced non-medical prescriber, using a cross-sector, multi-professional model to identify appropriate supervision and clinical environment for trainee prescribers. The Teach and Treat lead will provide some DPP capacity directly, coordinate supervision for all T&T trainees and provide clinical skills examination sessions to complement the prescribing course.

We are inviting Expressions of Interest from community pharmacists who wish to undertake their independent prescribing qualification, next year, with the support of the Devon Teach and Treat pilot. You can complete your EOI [here](https://forms.office.com/e/xDfbN14DJQ).

If you have previously applied, but were unsuccessful, you are welcome to submit another EOI.

Closing Date: 3rd November 2023 17:00. Notification to successful applicants: Week beginning 20th November 2023

**Community Pharmacy Technicians : Advancing your role**

The exciting new fully funded programme for **Community Pharmacy Technicians: advancing your role** programme has been launched by CPPE, in collaboration with the Pharmacy Integration Programme at NHS England. This programme is designed to help community pharmacy technicians develop the skills and confidence to deliver effective clinical services in community pharmacy. Pharmacy technicians who currently work in community pharmacy and are looking to upskill themselves to develop their roles in practice can apply to take part. The Community pharmacy technician: advancing your role learning programme starts on 28 September, but applications are live on the CPPE website.

For further information about the programme and how to apply, visit: [www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pt-ayr/pt-advancing](http://www.cppe.ac.uk/career/pt-ayr/pt-advancing)

**Training and Educational Opportunities for Community Pharmacists and Technicians**

NHS England are offering 1,000 fully funded module places to support educational supervisor training for community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The training will be delivered by **[ProPharmace](http://propharmace.com/est%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)** from September 2023.

The offer provides 500 places for Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPP) and 500 places for other educational supervisors, including Designated Supervisors (DSs).

The training is designed to ensure that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians involved in educational supervision are confident to provide support and developing aid to the pharmacy workforce within community pharmacy.

Regulatory changes in 2019 mean that experienced independent prescribers of any professional can apply for DPP training to support community pharmacists to become independent prescribers.

[**Find out more and how to register**](https://propharmace.com/est/)