

Major Change Visitors' Report - Approval of Prescription Only Medicine

Name of education provider	New College Durham
Validating body / awarding body	Leeds Metropolitan University
POM stand – alone programme name	Prescription Only Medicine Certificate
Mode of delivery	Part Time
Relevant part of HPC Register	Chiropodist / Podiatrist
Relevant entitlement(s)	Prescription only medicine (POM)
Date of submission to HPC	22 December 2009

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Executive summary

The Health Professions Council (HPC) approves educational programmes in the UK which health professionals must complete before they can apply to be registered with us. The HPC approve programmes on an open-ended basis which requires that, when significant changes occur to a programme, we receive notification and are able to ensure all our standards continue to be met. The HPC is a health regulator and our main aim is to protect the public. The HPC currently regulates 14 professions. All of these professions have at least one professional title which is protected by law. The HPC keeps a register of health professionals who meet our standards for their training, professional skills, behaviour and health.

As well as approving educational programmes for people who want to join the Register, the HPC also approve a small number of programmes for those already on the Register. This includes Prescription only Medicine (POM) post-registration programmes for chiropodists / podiatrists, radiographers and physiotherapists.

The visitors' report which follows outlines the recommended outcome made by the visitors on the approval of the programme at the education provider. This recommended outcome was accepted by the Education and Training Committee (Committee) on 2 February 2010. At this meeting, the Committee approved the programme. This means that the programme meets section two of the standards of education and training (SETs) and ensures that those who complete it meet the following standard of proficiency (SOP).

Be able to use systematic approach to formulate and test a preferred diagnosis including being able to - administer relevant prescription-only medicines, interpret any relevant pharmacological history and recognise potential consequences for patient treatment.

The programme is now granted open ended approval, subject to satisfactory monitoring.

Introduction

The education provider contacted the HPC to request the approval of their stand alone prescription only medicine programme. The nature of the submission required additional scrutiny by visitors to determine whether the programme met section two of the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme demonstrated an ability to meet the standard of proficiency required for POM.

Major change submission details

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Changes to the programme since approval of the pre-registration programme

This programme is currently included in the Undergraduate Degree and has now been submitted to be run as a stand alone module for existing registrants after modification to meet the needs of students returning to study in this area of practice.

Sources of evidence

To show how the programme met the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standard of proficiency required for POM, the education provider submitted the following documentation:

Descriptions of the modules

Mapping document providing evidence of how the education provider has met the SETs

Information for applicants

Recommended outcome

To recommend a programme for approval, the visitors must be assured that the programme meets section two of the standards of education and training (SETs) and that those who complete the programme have demonstrated an ability to meet the standard of proficiency (SOP) required for POM.

The visitors agreed to recommend to the Education and Training Committee that there is sufficient evidence to show the programme meets the standards of education and training and that those who complete the programme will continue to demonstrate an ability to meet the standard of proficiency required for POM.

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