



Mary Seacole Programme

# Leadership for community pharmacy FAQs





# General

## Who is the programme for?

The programme is open to community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians working in community pharmacy for at least 40% of their working week. Pre-registration trainee pharmacists cannot access the programme.

## How many places are available for the programme?

In total, there are 600 places available. There are 40 places per cohort available with 15 cohorts scheduled to take place between October 2017 and March 2018. We will be delivering cohorts all over England.

## How much is a place on the programme/How is the programme being funded?

With investment from the Pharmacy Integration Fund, NHS England is working with Health Education England to further clinical education and development for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.

As part of this, the NHS Leadership Academy (as part of Health Education England) is working in collaboration with the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE), to offer the Mary Seacole leadership development programme.

All places on the programme are fully-funded via the Pharmacy Integration Fund.

## How much time will I need to commit to the programme?

The length of the programme is six months. It's been specifically designed, taking into consideration busy lives and schedules of healthcare professionals. Therefore, much of the programme learning takes place online with the support of an online tutor. This also has the added benefit of engaging in online discussions with peers. On average participants will dedicate five hours per week to self-led online study.

Participants will be required to attend three one-day face-to-face workshops during the programme. These workshops are delivered locally in the cohort region that a participant is enrolled on.



## Are there any differences between the programme used for this and the national programme?

There are no differences in the content, learning, assessment or learning methods.

The only difference is that cohorts will be made up specifically of those working in community pharmacy.

## Is the programme accredited?

The programme is accredited by the NHS Leadership Academy. Successfully completing and passing the programme results in a NHS Leadership Academy Award in Healthcare Leadership. There is no academic accreditation.

## How do I apply/register for the programme?

To apply for the programme you'll need to access the form on our leadership community website NHSx at: <https://nhsx.uk/>

Before you can access the application form, you'll need to register for an account on the NHSx website. Once registered, you can then use these details to access your application as and when you need to.

To access the application form you can navigate to it via:

<https://nhsx.uk/programmes/mary-seacole-local-community-pharmacists>

Access to the form for Community Pharmacy is via the specific link above. Please ensure you are accessing this form and not the form for the national programme.

As part of the application process you will need to write a short personal statement to explain why you feel the programme will support you in your role.

## Where can I find out more information?

The main place to access updated information about the programme is via the CPPE website [here](#). Here you can also access an applicant guide which gives detailed information about the programme.



# Programme content & assessment

## How long is the programme and what material does it cover?

The programme is six months in duration and includes 12 units: eight leadership units, and four flexible management units which can be accessed by participants at any point during the programme.

## What are the assessment criteria?

Participants are assessed in four areas. To successfully pass the programme, they must complete the online content, make meaningful contributions to all online discussion forums (this is deemed as two meaningful contributions per unit), complete and pass a 2,000-word written assignment, and attend all three face-to-face workshops.

## What is a “meaningful contribution”?

A meaningful contribution is a comment of five or more lines which adds to, reinforces, or challenges the current discussion. Comments such as “I agree” are not considered meaningful.

## How many contributions do I need to make to pass the programme?

You need to make at least two meaningful contributions per unit to pass the programme. There are 12 units of study and thus a minimum of 24 contributions.

## When will I receive the results of my written assignment?

Six weeks after your submission date.

## What happens if I fail the programme?

Participants are provided feedback on their final assignment and they are allowed one additional opportunity to re-submit the final assignment.



# Virtual campus

## How do I access the programme?

Participants receive a URL to the Virtual Campus as part of their welcome packs and access the campus using an Academy ID number and password.

## Can I view all my e-journal posts in one place?

Not currently but we are looking into developing this function.

## How long do I have access to the Virtual Campus after the end of the programme?

Depending on whether you pass the written assignment or are asked to resubmit it, up to eight weeks after the end date.

## What is “grading status” on the comments section?

Please ignore this functionality – we do not grade your reflections or comments on the Mary Seacole programme.

## Are my reflections visible to everyone?

No, your e-journal reflections are personal to you.

## Who do I contact if I am experiencing technical difficulties on the Virtual Campus?

Please contact Masood Hussain at [support@leadershipacademy.nhs.uk](mailto:support@leadershipacademy.nhs.uk) or by telephone on 0113 322 5627.