

Free training for OOH primary urgent care pharmacists

NHS England is offering the opportunity to apply for access to free training to pharmacists working in Out of Hours primary urgent care.

This training pathway has been designed to support pharmacists working in a virtual urgent care environment and includes role-specific and/or independent prescriber training. It is suitable for pharmacists working in IUC Clinical Assessment Services (IUC CAS), GP Out of Hours or GP enhanced hours services, Primary Care GP Access Hubs and Urgent Treatment Centres.

To access this training, applicants will have to be registered as pharmacists with the General Pharmaceutical Council. They will be answering medicines queries and providing remote minor illness triage and treatment over the phone as a key part of their role. They will also need to be able to commit to the recommended time for the training and work in an environment in which they will have clinical supervision.

The role-specific training is a flexible 12-month workplace-based and online teaching model, with a recommended time commitment of up to 5 hours per week; commissioned by Health Education England and delivered by the University of Derby. Each student will receive an individual training plan informed by an initial training needs assessment and discussion with the course provider.

All applications will be considered on their individual merit and alignment with the programme aims. The decision is not based on the order of receipt of application.

Please identify and encourage OOH primary urgent care pharmacists to [complete the application form as soon as possible](#) and no later than 4th January for the late January 2019 intake. Later applications may be considered only by exception.

Find out more about the course and register at: www.derby.ac.uk/short-courses-cpd/health-and-social-care/workforce-development-pharmacists/

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