

What is Continuing Education?

Continuing Education (CE) refers to traditional methods of learning such as attending workshops, following diploma or distance learning courses, or structured reading. CE will make up part of a pharmacist's Continuing Professional Development (CPD), the framework for the maintenance of professional competence of pharmacists.

How do I find a course?

The RPSGB website lists universities that have supplementary prescribing programmes, available at

<http://www.rpsgb.org/registrationandsupport/postgraduatecourses/>

There are currently 22 schools of pharmacy in universities throughout the United Kingdom. Many of these will offer courses for continuing education. Contact them directly for more information. A list is available via the Society's Pharmacy Careers website http://www.pharmacycareers.org.uk/editorial.asp?ia_id=36

You can search for postgraduate courses and research programmes at Prospects, the UK's official graduate careers website. Some short courses are listed as well as Masters and PhDs. <http://www.prospects.ac.uk/> PhDs are listed at <http://www.findaphd.com>

Search for short courses and adult education classes in London at Floodlight <http://www.floodlight.co.uk>

Other training courses

E-learning programmes and open learning packs are available from the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) <http://www.cppe.manchester.ac.uk/>
See also the Welsh Centre for Post-Graduate Pharmaceutical Education <http://www.cf.ac.uk/phrmy/WCPPE/index.html>, NHS Education for Scotland (Pharmacy) <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/pharmacy/>, and Northern Ireland Centre for Postgraduate Pharmaceutical Education <http://www.nicppet.org/>

If you work within the NHS remember that internal courses will be available. For example the NHS regions in England each have a Director of Pharmacy Education & Training responsible for the delivery of education and training to pharmacists working in the NHS, particularly hospital pharmacists.

Related Factsheets

See our factsheet on CPD resources for related information.

Contacting the Library

Contact the Library by telephone on 020 7572 2300 (answerphone outside office hours) or by e-mail library@rpsgb.org

Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions for other factsheets you think we should produce, then let us know.

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