

Non-Medical Prescribing

Commissioned Places for 2026/27

Introduction

Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) continues to play a vital role in supporting high quality, safe and accessible patient care across our health and care system. As service models evolve and workforce transformation remains a national priority, it is essential that our prescribing workforce is equipped with the skills and capacity required to meet current and future demand.

Each year, NHS England works in partnership with regional education providers to commission Non-Medical Prescribing training places that align with strategic workforce needs and local service priorities. For the 2026/27 academic year, we have now confirmed the number of commissioned places and allocated to education providers across the region.

This brochure summarises the agreed commissioned numbers for 2026/27 and is provided **for information** to support planning, workforce development discussions, and engagement with system partners. We would like to thank all stakeholders for their continued collaboration in ensuring our NMP provision remains responsive, sustainable, and of consistently high quality.

If you have any questions regarding the commissioned numbers or require further detail, please contact the Workforce, Education and Training team.

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Information:

The Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) course at Leeds Beckett University is delivered over 26 taught days and incorporates a blended learning approach, with approximately 60% synchronous learning and 40% asynchronous study. Teaching is facilitated by a multidisciplinary team that includes experienced pharmacists, members of the course team, guest speakers, and contributions from individuals with lived experience, ensuring both clinical breadth and real-world relevance throughout the programme.

Cohort Start Dates:

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	50
Jan 2027	50

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Information:

This module aims to prepare practitioners as Independent and/or Supplementary Prescribers in accordance with appropriate Professional Regulatory Body (Nursing and Midwifery Council and Health and Care Professions Council) guidance.

Prior to completing an application form, please [complete the Prepare to Prescribe Toolkit](#) in order to ensure that you are in a suitable position in order to undertake the course.

This module will help improve patients' access to medicines and in so doing will help to reduce waiting times and delays. This should lead to greater service efficiency and a better patient experience.

Please note Aesthetic Practitioners (including professionals wishing to prescribe botox etc.) and HCPC registrants must study this module at Level 7. Paramedic applicants must be working in an Advanced Practice role

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Please make sure you complete the supplementary NMP forms below and return with your application.

<https://www.shu.ac.uk/-/media/home/study-here/options/health-and-social-care/nmp-application-form.pdf>

Self-employed and non-NHS applicants must evidence that the practice area where they will be undertaking their supervised practice time complies with the requirements outlined in the SHU placement learning audit. This is evidenced on the Placement Audit Checklist (i.e. the practice area must either be registered to supervise Pre-Registration healthcare students or must already be audited by a suitable professional body i.e. CQC etc.)', otherwise we will be unable to accept the student on the NMP course.

Entry Requirements

All entrants to the module must meet the following requirements:

- be registered as an allied health professional with the Health and Care Professions Council
- or:
- be a registered nurse (level 1) or a registered midwife with the NMC

- Be professionally practising in, and have appropriate experience of, an environment where there is an identified need for the individual to regularly use independent, and/or supplementary prescribing. The year preceding application to the module must have been in the clinical area in which you intend to prescribe (e.g. mental health, neonates)
- Should have written endorsement, normally from their employing and/or sponsoring organisation, that they have identified an area of clinical practice and need in which to develop their prescribing skills, including confirmation that the entrant will have appropriate supervised practice in the clinical area in which they are expected to prescribe

Have a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP), recognised as having

- a) training and experience appropriate to their role,
- b) training and experience in the supervision, support and assessment of trainees

and who has agreed to:

- a) Provide the student with supervision, support and shadowing opportunities, and is familiar with the requirements of the module and the need to achieve the learning outcomes
- b) Support and assess the student during their clinical placement

In addition, DPP's are required to complete the NMP Placement Audit form (see supplementary NMP application forms), prior to the student commencing the module. This ensures the quality of the placement learning environment, assists in enabling DPP's and students to maximise learning opportunities, ensures consistency of learning across the student cohort and is a vehicle for addressing areas for development between DPP's and the module team.

Prior to selecting a colleague to act as a DPP, please view the [RPS DPP competency framework](#).

Nurses and Allied Health professionals

- Should have at least 1 year post-registration relevant experience

In addition, students should be able to provide evidence of continuing professional development. (The above must be evidenced in the applicant's application form)

Level 7: Previous Level 6 study or Advanced Diploma.

Paramedic colleagues must be working in an Advanced Practice Role.

International students must have reliable internet access and supply IELTS scores.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	210
Jan 2027	210

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Information:

Advancing Non-Medical Prescribing – Level 7

Non-Medical Prescribing – Level 6

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	80
Jan 2026	75

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PRE7004-C Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals

[Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals - University of Bradford](#)

Information:

PRE7004-C

Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals

Overview

This module will:

- prepare nurses, midwives, podiatrists, physiotherapists, therapeutic radiographers and paramedics to prescribe as independent and supplementary prescribers
- allow experienced non-medical health professionals to enhance their knowledge, and gain critical awareness of contemporary issues in order to become safe, competent and effective prescribers, within current legal and professional guidelines
- enable successful students to record their prescribing qualification with the relevant professional body

Entry requirements

Applicants for this module should hold professional registration with their relevant professional body.

In addition, nurses and allied health professionals should have a minimum of two years' experience. Paramedics must have been qualified and registered for at least three years and should have or be working towards an advanced practice qualification.

All applicants should:

- demonstrate clinical competency in the area of practice in which they intend to prescribe.
- have worked in the area they wish to prescribe in for at least one year.
- have support from their employing organisation.
- have identified an area of clinical practice prior to application, e.g. Diabetes, hypertension or alcohol withdrawal.

If you are an NMC professional (Nurse or Midwife) applicant you must have the support of a Practise Supervisor (PS) and Practise Assessor (PA), who will provide supervised practise opportunities. PLEASE NOTE: The PA and PS must be two different people.

All other Healthcare Professionals must have the support from a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP), who will provide supervised practise opportunities. The DPP will be a GP, consultant or registrar.

Applicants are also required to provide a current (last three years) DBS check and demonstrate the ability to study at an appropriate level.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	36
Jan 2027	36

University of Cumbria

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Information:

Prescribing courses for Nurses and Midwives

This programme is to prepare registered nurses and midwives for roles as Independent/Supplementary (V300) prescribers, ensuring that they can demonstrate achievement of the Learning Outcomes identified by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and are therefore eligible to apply for annotation as Independent/Supplementary prescribers to their registration with the NMC.

The programme consists of 40 credits of learning at either Level 6 or Level 7 and takes place online over approximately 18-24 weeks.

Prescribing courses for Allied Health Professionals (Physiotherapists, Paramedics, etc)

This programme is to prepare allied health professionals for roles as Independent/Supplementary prescribers, ensuring that they can demonstrate achievement of the Learning Outcomes identified by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and are therefore eligible to apply for annotation as Independent/Supplementary prescribers to their registration with the HCPC.

The programme consists of 40 credits of learning at either Level 6 or Level 7 and takes place online over approximately 18-24 weeks.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	7
Jan 2027	7
March 2027	5

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[Independent and Supplementary Prescribing](#)

Information:

This short course is aimed at eligible NMC or HCPC registrants to become Independent and Supplementary Prescribers or Supplementary Prescribers

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	97
Jan 2027	97

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Information:

At Hull we offer the NMP to NMC registrants, both nurses and midwives. HCPC registrants, podiatrists, paramedics, physiotherapists, not current diagnostic radiographers. We also have a blended 10.5-day provision for GPhC registrants, namely pharmacists.

We have 2 cohorts in September and January. Our provision is largely taught face to face on university campus. We have a multidisciplinary programme and teaching team, including, nurses, pharmacists, medics, physiotherapist and NMP Organisational leads.

We are very proud of our community at Hull, having a lot of different prescribers on our programme, as it does create a very supportive community creating our NMP's. We are fully validated and accredited with NMC, HCPC AND GPhC.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	45
Jan 2027	45

University of Leeds

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[Module and Programme Catalogue](#)

Information:

Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) Programmes 2026/27

University of Leeds

Programmes Offered

- **HECS5322M** – Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (Nurses & Midwives)
- **HECS5321M** – Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (Allied Health Professionals)

Overview

These Level 7 (Master's), 30-credit programmes prepare registered healthcare professionals to practise as **independent (and where applicable supplementary) prescribers**.

Delivered via a **multi-professional model** (nurses, midwives, AHPs, pharmacists), the programmes support safe, effective, and collaborative prescribing aligned to national workforce priorities.

Successful completion leads to professional annotation with:

- Nursing and Midwifery Council (V300)
- Health and Care Professions Council

Duration & Delivery

- **Duration:** Up to 26 weeks
- **Practice learning:** 90 hours (supervised)
- **Delivery:** Blended (face-to-face, online, clinical practice)

Structure:

- Taught content delivered in first ~13 weeks
- Ongoing supervised practice throughout

Pharmacists: 26 structured learning days (8 face-to-face, 18 distance learning) plus independent study (as per regulatory requirements)

Curriculum

Mapped to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Competency Framework and relevant regulatory standards:

- Consultation and clinical assessment
- Decision-making and prescribing in context
- Pharmacology and therapeutics
- Medicines optimisation and deprescribing
- Prescribing safety and error reduction
- Legal, ethical, and governance frameworks
- Public health and MDT working

Assessment

All elements must be passed:

- **Pharmacology Exam (MCQ)**
- **OSCE** – clinical, prescribing, and communication skills (Angoff standard set)
- **Practice Portfolio (Pass/Fail)** including:
 - 90 hours supervised practice
 - Prescribing log and case-based evidence
 - Reflective accounts
 - **Numeracy assessment (100% pass required)**
 - Practice Assessor / DPP sign-off

Entry Requirements (Summary)

Nurses & Midwives (HECS5322M):

- Registered with NMC
- Normally ≥2 years post-registration experience
- Employer support and prescribing role
- Named Practice Assessor (DMP/DPP)

AHPs (HECS5321M):

- Registered with HCPC
- Normally ≥3 years relevant advanced practice experience
- Working in role requiring prescribing
- Named Practice Educator

Professional Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- Prescribe safely, effectively, and cost-effectively
- Undertake advanced clinical assessment and decision-making
- Work autonomously and within multidisciplinary teams
- Apply legal, ethical, and governance frameworks

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Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	10
Jan 2027	10

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Non-Medical Prescribing (V300) – Level 6 - [L6](#)

Non-Medical Prescribing (V300) – Level 7 [L7](#)

Non-Medical Prescribing (V300) – Level 6 Recognition of Prior Learning - [L6 RPL](#)

Non-Medical Prescribing (V300) – Level 7 Recognition of Prior Learning - [L7 RPL](#)

Information:

January intake also incorporates students with other funding streams

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	90
Jan 2027	60

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Information:

Please note that our website is due to be updated shortly to include HCPC applicants and the criteria they require. *

This is a Level 7 module / 30 credits

1 study day per week for 22 weeks – with an additional 12 days (90 hours) practice-based learning. This programme will be delivered through a combination of face-to-face and online tutorials, webinars and online learning activities. You must have access to a computer with a fast and reliable internet connection.

This unit enables students to explore the pharmacology of drugs and to examine the issues faced when prescribing in clinical practice as part of an interdisciplinary team. Students are required to undertake supervised clinical practice under the supervision of an appropriate prescribing practitioner.

The following criteria must be met by applicants.

- Be a first-level registered nurse or registered midwife *
- Have a valid registration on the Nursing and Midwifery Council's (NMC) professional register*
- Have at least one year of post-registration clinical experience - ideally with experience in the role in which they intend to prescribe.
- Have a Practice Supervisor willing to contribute to and supervise the 12 days of learning in practice element of training. (This may be a medical prescriber or a non-medical prescriber) You will also need a Practice Assessor who will also be required to participate in the assessment of prescribing practice. Both these individuals must be suitably prepared for these roles.
- The practice environment must be audited for suitability prior to the programme commencing.
- Have the ability to study at level 7 (master's level) and be able to evidence study at degree level.
- Be numerate and confident in undertaking drug calculation skills

- Have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance that is dated within three years before registration as a prescriber - it is an NMC requirement to provide the DBS Certificate at least 10 days before the commencement date. You will not be allowed to join the course without this.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	29

University of Sunderland

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The University of Sunderland Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) programme delivers high-quality, regulator-aligned prescribing education that places patient safety, clinical reasoning, and professional accountability at its core.

The programme is fully mapped to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2021) Competency Framework for All Prescribers and is aligned with NMC and HCPC standards. A key strength of the programme is its explicit integration of person-centred care and patient involvement (PCPI), shared decision-making, equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI), and robust pharmacology education, ensuring graduates are equipped to prescribe safely for diverse populations and complex clinical presentations.

The curriculum emphasises:

Person-Centred Care and Patient Involvement (PCPI):

Students are taught to place service users at the centre of prescribing decisions, incorporating patient values, preferences, health literacy, and concordance into consultations and treatment planning.

Shared Decision-Making:

Prescribing education is aligned with national guidance and supports students to engage patients as active partners in care, particularly when managing long-term conditions, polypharmacy, and risk-based decisions.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI):

The programme actively addresses health inequalities, cultural competence, and inclusive prescribing practice, preparing prescribers to deliver safe, equitable care across varied populations and settings.

Applied Pharmacology and Therapeutics:

A strong pharmacology foundation underpins all aspects of the programme, with applied

teaching that links pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, interactions, and adverse effects directly to clinical decision-making and patient safety.

In response to increasing workforce pressures across primary, community, acute, and specialist services, demand for Non-Medical Prescribing education continues to grow.

The University of Sunderland is well positioned to meet this need due to:

- Experienced prescribing academics with current clinical and leadership expertise.
- Robust academic governance and quality assurance processes.
- Strong partnerships with healthcare organisations and Designated Prescribing Practitioners (DPPs).
- Structured student support that promotes progression and safe practice.
- A curriculum designed to develop confident, autonomous prescribers who practise within scope and understand professional accountability.

Expanding and securing NMP delivery will support regional and national workforce strategies, improve access to timely treatment, and strengthen advanced practice pathways across professions. It will also ensure continued access to high-quality, inclusive, and safety-focused prescribing education aligned with contemporary healthcare priorities.

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
July 2026	65
Sept 2026	15
Jan 2027	60
March 2027	15

University of York

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Information:

Currently:

September cohort teaching day is a Thursday

February cohort teaching day is a Wednesday

NMP programme is delivered at either Level 6 or Level 7. 30 academic credits

NMC and HCPC approved

Cohort Start Dates

Start Date	NHS England Commissioned Numbers
Sept 2026	50
Feb 2027	50