

NHS England Workforce, Training & Education (WT&E) London Region – Pharmacy London Independent Prescribing Training Offer for 2026/27 – Key Information

FOR LONDON-BASED SECONDARY CARE PHARMACISTS ONLY

If you work outside of the London area or in another sector of care, please see the NHS England Workforce Training & Education Independent Prescribing offer:

<https://www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/pharmacy/independent-prescribing>

NHS England WT&E Pharmacy London Independent Prescribing: Funding eligibility criteria

Funding for prescribing training places will be open to pharmacists who work in the **NHS managed sector (hospital and mental health)**.

Pharmacists working in other sectors of care can access independent prescribing training offers through the National NHS England Workforce Training & Education Independent Prescribing offer [here](#).

Eligible pharmacists will need to have (as a minimum):

- The support of an identified designated prescribing practitioner (DPP).
- An appropriate practice-based learning environment in a prescribing setting that can offer appropriate clinical support.
- Commitment to use the skill within your area of competence and expertise, for the delivery of NHS clinical services as they emerge.

Applicants must meet both the NHS England Pharmacy London funding eligibility and the KCL course entry requirements.

General Pharmaceutical Council Requirements

Entry requirements for independent prescribing courses are set by the GPhC in their new standards for the education and training of pharmacist independent prescribers.

Applicants must:

Have relevant experience in a UK pharmacy setting.

Be able to recognise, understand and articulate the skills and attributes required by a prescriber to act as the foundation of their prescribing practice whilst training. Identify an area of clinical or therapeutic practice on which to base their learning.

Further information on the GPhC eligibility criteria for independent prescribing are available on the [GPhC website](#).

It is the responsibility of learners to ensure they meet the funding and all course eligibility and course requirements, including mandated study day attendance, before applying.

Learners, their DPPs, and employers should:

- Review the new application process and timelines and complete the application as soon as possible.
- Ensure they meet both NHS funding and KCL eligibility requirements before applying.
- Ensure they meet the KCL course requirements (including mandated study day attendance) before applying.
- Learners should indicate NHS England funding as appropriate in the KCL application process.

Kings College London (KCL) Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Course – Overview

Detailed information regarding the KCL course, eligibility, course expectations, and application process are available on the [KCL website](#).

Entry Points	Two cohorts: Sept 2026 & Feb 2027
Application process	<p>NHS England WT&E funded places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.</p> <p><u>Before</u> applying, applicants must ensure their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scope and formulary are defined. - References are fully completed – from <u>both</u> the employer/supporting organisation and the DPP.

	See the KCL website for further information on the application process.
Application window dates	<p>For Sept 2026 and Feb 2027 intakes: See the KCL website for application window dates.</p> <p>NHS England WT&E funded places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>Note: Applications may close earlier if places have been filled.</p>
Entry Requirements	<p>See above and on the KCL webpage under Entry Requirements.</p> <p>Applicants must meet both the NHS England Pharmacy London funding eligibility and the KCL course entry requirements.</p>
Course length	6 months
Format	Face-to-face teaching days plus assessments – see KCL website for details
Expected study commitment	Approximately 600 hours – see the KCL website for further details on course expectations.
Study day requirements	<p>10 face-to-face study days and 2 days online e-learning - Attendance is mandated.</p> <p>Key study attendance requirements and dates can be found on the KCL website.</p>

Further questions?

For questions regarding the KCL IP course such as eligibility, course expectations, study leave requirements and the changes to the application process, contact KCL prescribing course leads. Details are on the [KCL website](#).

For questions regarding the NHS England WT&E Pharmacy London region KCL independent prescribing course funding, contact england.wtpharmacy.london@nhs.net.